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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

In the following pages it has been our aim to give within moderate limits an account of the principal events in the history of the village of Petersburg. We do not flatter ourselves that the work has been perfectly done, but as much as could be obtained from imperfect records, and that which has come from various other sources has been recorded.

We wish to thank the people of Petersburg and vicinity for their hearty and unanimous support, which has made possible the success of this enterprise.

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## THE ABORIGINES

The first inhabitants of South Jersey, so far as history reveals, were Indians, the Lenni-Lenape or Dalaware branch of the Algonquins, whose home was originally in Ottawa, and whose last king, Nummy, is buried on Nummy Island, near Hereford Inlet. It is said that after his death all the Indians in this part of the country migrated to the banks of the Wabash river in Indiana. The name of the tribe living in Cape May county was the "Kechemechs."\*

The houses or wigwams were sometimes together in towns, but were mostly movable, and occasionally built near a spring or other water, according to the conveniences for hunting, fishing, basket-making, or other business of that sort, and were built with poles laid on forked sticks set in the ground, with bark, flags, or bushes on the top and sides, with an opening to the South, their fire in the middle. Their clothing was a coarse blanket or skin thrown over the shoulder, which covered to the knee, and a piece of the same tied around their legs, with part of a deer-skin sewed round their feet for shoes.†

They long remembered kindnesses and seldom forgot to be grateful where benefits had been received, and on many occasions gave irrefragable proofs of liberality of sentiment, hospitality of action and impressions that seemed to promise a continuation of better things.†

During the dominion of the Dutch, hostile relations

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\*Stevens' History of Cape May County. †Barber & Howe's Historical Collections of New Jersey.

existed on two or three occasions. In 1630, thirty-two men were killed on the Delaware by the Indians, and they, refusing to surrender the authors of the crimes, brought on hostilities. In 1664 peace was permanently restored.

In 1755 a serious outbreak occurred. In 1758 a conference took place at Burlington with representatives from the several tribes, which resulted in another conference being held at Easton, Pa., at the request of the Indians; that being, as they termed it, "the place of the old council fire," where amicable relations were restored which remained undisturbed for several years.\*

In 1757 an act was passed by legislature appropriating £1600 for the purchase of Indian claims; but the Indians living South of the Raritan preferred receiving their portion in land specially allotted for their occupancy, and harmony appears to have prevailed between the Indians and the whites.\*

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\*Barber & Howe's Historical Collections of New Jersey.

## THE DISCOVERERS—THE PROPRIETORS

In January, 1609, the directors of the Dutch East India Company contracted with Henry Hudson to fit out a vessel of sixty tons burden for a voyage to India via Nova Zembla. He gave his crew, consisting of twenty men, the choice of two routes of seeking the Northwest passage, but storms interfered and they were driven Southwest and in July reached Newfoundland, and sailed thence down the coast of Maine. Reaching Cape Cod, he named it New Holland. On August 28th, he reached the coast of Maryland, and, moving Northward along the shore, he entered the Delaware bay on August 29th, and coasted along New Jersey's shore. On September 3d, he passed Sandy Hook and anchored in New York bay. Sailing up the Hudson river as far as Troy, he found the river too shallow to proceed farther, and on September 23d, he returned Southward and on October 4th, sailed out from Sandy Hook for Dartmouth, England, where he arrived on November 7th. Here he was detained for a time by the English, finally arriving at Amsterdam in July, 1610.\*

In 1612 five ships were despatched for further exploration and trade. Among the officers of these were Henry Christiansen, Adriaen Block and Cornelius Jacobson May. Captain May, whose vessel had been fitted out at Hoorn, Holland, explored the Southern coast of Long Island, which he found to be twenty-five Dutch miles in length. He also sailed along the coast of New Jersey, and he or later Dutchmen named Cape May.

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\*"Romance of Discovery," by Wm. Elliot Griffis.

In 1615 Captain Cornelius Hendrickson, in the ship "Restless," sailed along the coast of New Jersey, giving the name "Eyerhaven" (haven of eggs) to what is now called Egg Harbor.

Upon these various voyages Holland set up her claim to the country which she named "New Netherlands," extending from Cape Cod to Cape Henlopen.\*

In 1629 the Southern part of New Netherlands was granted to two Dutch patrons named Godyn and Blomert, but they made no attempt to settle the country.

The English crown had never recognized the claims of the Dutch to the country, and an armament in command of Richard Nicolls was sent out, and he demanded of Governor Stuyvesant the surrender of the country. The Dutch chose to save their homes rather than to risk losing them in war, and on September 8, 1664, New Amsterdam was surrendered and the New Netherlands ceased to exist.

In 1664, King Charles II made a grant of the country as far south as the Delaware to his brother, James, Duke of York. The latter granted the province between the Hudson and the Delaware rivers to Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret. In honor of the latter, who was governor of the Isle of Jersey, this American domain was named New Jersey.

Berkeley and Carteret at first held the property jointly, but later Berkeley sold his share to Edward Billinge, who found it necessary to assign for the benefit of his creditors. William Penn was one of the assignees, and the State was held jointly by Carteret and Penn as agents for Billinge. It was mutually agreed by Carteret and Penn to separate the country into East and West Jersey, Penn and his associates receiving the latter,

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\*Ridpath's History of the United States.

In 1687 Dr. Coxe, of London, who had already become a large land-holder, purchased of the heirs of Billinge their interests in the soil and government. In 1688, he also having become an acknowledged West Jersey Proprietor, purchased 90,000 acres of land in Cape May County. In 1691 he made an agreement with a body of forty-eight persons, designated as the West Jersey Society, to sell his property, and the following year it was conveyed to them for the sum of £90,000. This society, through their agents, continued to make sales of land until 1756.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT

A trading station had been established at Bergen in 1618, but the first permanent settlement was made at Elizabethtown in 1664. In 1623 Fort Nassau was built where Timber Creek empties into the Delaware River, by Captain May, and he was made governor of New Netherlands. The fort was soon abandoned, however, and his company returned to Holland.

In the early days of the Colony, the wild coast, from Sandy Hook to Cape May was uninhabited, save by isolated and often temporary settlements of beach men. Until well within the eighteenth century pirates lay at the entrance of the Delaware Bay and off Sandy Hook. The first settlement of the seashore front of Cape May County was due to the shad fisheries. Cattle raising was an important industry in the early days of the county.\*

Colonists from New England and Long Island came to Cape May as early as 1638, as is shown by a deed recording a purchase of land from the Indians by Capt. Nathaniel Turner, which bears the date of November 24th, 1638.

In 1691 Cape May was beginning to settle very fast; seemed to hold out good advantages to the adventurer.†

In November, 1682, Cape May was erected into a county, "being a place well situate for trade," its boundaries including the present Maurice River Township in Cumberland and the southwest portion of the modern Atlantic County.

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\*Lee's New Jersey as a Colony and as a State. Extract from Journal of Aaron Leaming.



Daniel Leeds in his "Almanack" for the year 1701 says:

"The freeholders in Cape May County in September, 1699 were seventy."

In 1726 there were in Cape May County: White males above sixteen years of age, 209; females, do., 156; white males under sixteen years of age, 148; females, do., 141; total whites, 654; colored males above sixteen years of age, 8; females, do., 5; colored males under sixteen years of age, 1; females, do., 0; total colored, 14. Total number of inhabitants, 668.\*

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\*Extract from letter of Gov. Burnet, in Colonial Documents, Archives of New Jersey, Vol. V.

## THE YOUNG FAMILY\*

Henry Young, the first of the name in the county, was an Englishman. "He was impressed, when very young, on a man-of-war, from which he made his escape to a vessel bound to Philadelphia. Here, to elude pursuit, he was secreted in a hogshead in the hold of the vessel, and as soon as they got to sea, he was released, but not until nearly exhausted for want of fresh air." (Quotation from Stevens' History of Cape May County, which agrees, in the main, with the family tradition regarding him.)

After landing in this country, he made his way to Long Island, where he associated himself with the whalers residing there. With these men, he made whaling voyages to Cape May, the party making their headquarters at the whaling settlement of "Cape Town," or "Town Bank."

The old Cape May County records, on file in the Secretary's office at Trenton, give the name of Henry Young as one of those "known to be whalers," who came to Cape May prior to 1700. His name does not appear in the list of those who located land prior to 1700, and it seems probable that he did not permanently settle in the county until about 1707, in which year his "ear-mark" for branding cattle was recorded.

His property, or plantation, as it was then styled, was located where the Palermo station of the Reading Railway now stands, and extended in a westerly direction to Cedar Swamp Creek, within the present limits of Petersburg.

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\*Written by Ray Wynn.

Henry Young was a man of considerable education, as is evinced by certain of his papers which are still in existence and by the various positions of responsibility which he held under the Colonial Government and the West Jersey Society.

He was King's (or Colony) Surveyor in 1716, Deputy Surveyor for the West Jersey Society in the years 1727, '29, '30, '33, '35, '39, '45, '46 and '50, according to surveys and drafts now in the possession of the Young family, and, probably in other years as well, as the list of drafts and surveys is rather incomplete. It is said that he used the mariner's compass in making his surveys and that he did work upon the old Coxe survey. He was Commissioner of the Peace in 1722 and 1733; Sheriff, 1722-'23; Loan Officer, 1733-'42, '46-'53 and '65; Surrogate, 1741-'67; Judge of the Court of Cape May County, 1722-'67; Member of the New Jersey Assembly, 1730, '33-'40, '44 and '45; Major of Cape May and Salem Regiment, Militia of the Province, 1739; Colonel in Militia in "King George's War." 1748; Colonel in Regiment of Foot in Canadian Expedition, French and Indian War, 1756. He was also a scrivener. Beasley, in his "Early History of Cape May County," says of him: "Judge Young was an extensive land-holder. He was a surveyor and scrivener; and no one of those times was more highly respected, or acted a more prominent or useful part."

He was married three times, the names of his first two wives being at present unknown; his third wife was Phoebe Norton, from the lower part of the county. He died April 8th, 1767, and was buried in the family burying ground upon his plantation, at what is now Palermo. Of this burying ground, which stood back of the present school house at Palermo, no trace now remains, the wooden and stone markers having rotted

away or been removed.

So far as can be ascertained from the old records, he had the following children: Abigail, married Joseph Ludlam; Phoebe, married William Robinson; Deborah, married first, Cornelius Hand, second, Jeremiah Hand, third, Clement Daniels; Stephen, married Anne . . . . .; Job, married Mary Norton; Henry, 2d, married Millicent Townsend; Tabitha, married John Townsend; Uriah, married Rachel Griffing; Elizabeth, married Col. John Mackey; Millicent, single.

Henry Young, 2d, born March 5th, 1746, inherited, among other things, the tract fronting upon the Cedar Swamp Creek between the mouth of Sluice Creek and a small creek below the present Upper Bridge, and extending in an easterly direction to the Butter and Old Landing roads. Here, at no great distance from the road leading from the Lower to the Upper Bridge across Cedar Swamp Creek, he built himself a house, of which at the present day, nothing but the cellar remains.

He served during the Revolutionary war, being an Ensign in Capt. James Willets Jr.'s Company, Cape May Battalion, New Jersey Militia.

He died November 6th, 1795, at the old homestead near Sluice Creek, and is buried in the Young family burying ground upon the place now owned by William Tyler. His wife was Millicent Townsend, daughter of Samuel Townsend, and is buried beside him.

Their children were: Seth, married Martha Steelman; Samuel Townsend, married Olive Pedrick; Henry, 3d, married Whilamina Pedrick; Alexander, married Abigail VanGilder; Stephen married Millicent Badcock; Millicent, married John Stites.

Upon the death of Henry Young, 2d, his property was divided into six portions. His son, Stephen, born October 13th, 1780, inherited the old homestead near

Sluice Creek, and lived there from the time of his marriage until about 1812 or 1813, at which time he built a house at the Lower Bridge, where he had for some years conducted a shipyard and a general store; the former being located upon the east side of Cedar Swamp Creek, a short distance below the Lower Bridge, and the latter at the eastern end of the bridge. The original store is the kitchen of the present house. At the time that Stephen Young moved from the property on Sluice Creek to the Lower Bridge, he built a new store, now used as a cottage upon the property, and standing beside the wharf. He also built a house in front of the old store. Later, when the needs of his family required it, he built the eastern wing of the house as it now stands.

He was an extensive builder of vessels and for many years conducted a trade with the West Indies, using his own schooners to carry it on. The hull of one of his vessels, the "Niagara," still lies upon the west bank of the creek, a short distance below the Lower Bridge.

In his younger days Stephen Young was a sea captain. He held a number of public positions: Member of the Board of Freeholders, 1823, '29-'33, '45, '47-'49 and '54; Justice of the Peace, 1814-'25, Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 1847; Postmaster at Petersburg, or Littleworth as it was then called, on two separate occasions previous to 1856, at which time he was succeeded in office by Peter Corson. He served in the War of 1812-15, in the Militia of Cape May County, in defense of the seacoast.

He died October 16th, 1857, at the Lower Bridge. His wife, who was Millicent, daughter of Joseph Badcock, died November 30th, 1865. Both are buried in the Seaside Cemetery, Palermo, N. J.

They had the following children. Sarah, married Joshua Swain, Jr.; Phoebe, married Benjamin I. Wynn;

Millicent, married Lewis P. Kinsey; Reuben, married Emma Corson; Joseph, married Harriet B. Wales; Henry, married Jane S. Towusend; Rachel, single, Eleanor, single; and Eliza, single.

Of these children, Reuben, born October 26th, 1803, lived upon the property at Cedar Springs, now owned and occupied by Miss Sallie B. Young, until his death, which occurred February 2d, 1842. He was killed by a falling log in the saw mill which then stood upon the Mackey place, now the residence of Miss Millicent Young. His family afterward moved to Middletown. He is buried in the Seaside Cemetery at Palermo.

Joseph Young, born December 1st, 1807, succeeded his brother, Reuben, upon the property at Cedar Springs. He died June 10th, 1889. His wife died October 27th, 1889. Both are buried in the Seaside Cemetery.

They had six children: Edmund L. B. W., married first Mary Smith, second Elizabeth Rand; Bentley W., married Judith Morris; Howard married Levisa Smith; Josephine, married David Cresswell; Sarah B., single; Mary E. single.

Bentley W. and Sarah B. Young lived upon the old place. Bentley W. Young died November 2d, 1907, and is buried in Petersburg Churchyard.

Henry Young, born February 16th, 1813, located upon the Mackey place, where he died March 4th, 1890. His wife died January 7th, 1899. Both are buried at Calvary Cemetery, Ocean View, N. J. They had two children: Stephen T., and Millicent.

Stephen T. (1840-1912), son of Henry and Jane S. Young, married Margaret Reed, and had three children: Harriet, died in infancy; Henry, married Hannah Endicott; Rachel, married William Loughlin, and has three children, William, Margaret and Robert.

The Young family have been property owners in

Petersburg from a date prior to the settlement of the place, down to the present day, and residents for nearly as long a period, their having been six generations of them in a direct line of descent.

The original Young plantation came down to the eastern bank of Cedar Swamp Creek. As previously stated, Henry Young, 2d, inherited a portion of this property, his half-brother, Job Young, and his half-sister, Tabitha, who married John Townsend, inheriting the rest. The western limit of Job Young's property was about where the present Upper Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek stands. So far as is known, the property inherited by Tabitha Townsend did not come within the limits of Petersburg.

Seth, a son of Henry Young, 2d, lived for several years upon the property now belonging to William Tyler. He afterward moved to the Shore Road, where he lived in the house occupied by Smith Marshall, a Palermo.

Samuel Townsend Young, Seth's brother, also lived upon the Tyler place, afterward moving to the vicinity of Palermo. He was killed by a runaway team upon the Shore Road.

It is said that Henry Young, 3d, another brother of Seth, lived for a time upon the place, afterward moving to Middletown. He was killed in a runaway accident upon the Tuckahoe road above Petersburg.

Seth Young, Samue. T. Young and Henry Young, 3d, are buried in the old Young burying ground upon the Tyler place. The wives of the last two named are buried in the Methodist churchyard at Marmora, both of them, according to family tradition, being opposed to being "buried in the open fields."

Both Joseph and Henry, sons of Stephen Young, were sea captains in their earlier days. After quitting the

sea, they farmed extensively, and Henry was also interested in the manufacture of brick, having a yard for that purpose upon the Mackey place.



## THE MACKEY FAMILY\*

Among the more prominent of the old families of Petersburg was the Mackey family, now extinct in the direct line.

John Mackey, the first of the name in the county was a Quaker, of Irish, or Scotch-Irish descent. He came between the years 1740 and 1745, and after several years spent in the southern end of the county, in the vicinity of Cape May Court House, located upon what is now known as the Mackey place, in Petersburg.

According to the New Jersey Archives, he married, on April 25th, 1746, Elizabeth, daughter of Judge Henry Young. He became an extensive landholder, and, so far as known, occupied the following public positions: Freeholder; 1764; Justice of the Peace, 1767; Justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, 1773; Lieutenant Colonel, Cape May County Militia, 1771. In 1777 he was elected by the people Colonel of the Cape May County Regiment, and probably served with the battalion in the battle of Germantown. He resigned his commission in March, 1778, being succeeded by Colonel Nicholas Stillwell. He was Commissioner of the Peace in 1777.

Colonel Mackey's wife died suddenly of heart disease, sometime prior to 1784. The Colonel died in September, 1784. Both himself and wife were buried in the family burying ground upon the Mackey place.

Until quite recently the place of their burial was in doubt; but through the researches of the late Dr. Zelo-

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\*Written by Ray Wynn.

pherd Hand, of Montclair, N. J., a descendant of the Colonel, it was definitely shown that it could only be upon the Mackey place. At that time it became known that Mr. Stephen T. Young had discovered what appeared to be a gravestone, while plowing in one of the lower fields some twelve years before. In the fall of 1910 an effort was made to locate this stone and it was finally found. In the spring of 1911 another stone, evidently the marker of the grave of Mrs. Mackey was found within a few feet of the first one. The stones had either fallen, or had been turned down and plowed under by someone who was cultivating the field. The burying ground is located southeast of the present house near the edge of the woods. in accordance with the Friends' custom, the stones are plain markers with no lettering upon them. They are irregularly triangular in shape and roughly hewn from the quartz rock which is more or less common in that section.

Colonel Mackey and his wife had six children: Abigail, married Captain James Willets; Martha, married Darius Corson; Tabitha, married Captain Hope Willets; Phoebe, married first, Joseph Badcock, second, Joseph Corson; Elizabeth, married Henry, son of Job and Mary Young, and grandson of Judge Young; John, married Elizabeth .....

John Mackey, Jr., born 1764, died December 13th, 1837, inherited all of the Mackey property in Cape May County, including the plantation of 740 acres, known as the Mackey place. He never added to his possessions, but was repeatedly selling his property in order to raise ready money. A short time before his death, he conveyed the last of his property to Thomas Williams, of Tuckahoe, in return for "the comfortable support of the said John Mackey for and during his natural life." From this it can only be inferred that he

led a life of idleness and ease. His life of self-indulgence and lack of initiative leads to the conclusion that he was not a tower of strength in time of distress. (Note.--- The above is taken from data collected by Dr. Hand.) Both John Mackey and his wife were buried in the Aetna Cemetery, at the Head of the River.

John Mackey, Jr., had three children: Elizabeth, married John Williams, of Tuckahoe; Sarah, married Joseph Corson; John, 3d, according to Dr. Hand, died without issue.

Of Abigail, Martha Elizabeth and Tabitha Mackey, daughters of Colonel John Mackey, but little is known.

Phoebe Mackey, daughter of the Colonel; who married as her first husband, Joseph Badcock, lived in a house which stood about where the Butter Road joins the road leading from the Lower Bridge to Marmora. The house has long since disappeared.

Joseph Badcock was the grandson of Joseph Badcock, who came to Cape May County and purchased land of the Company in London in or about 1691; and who died about 1709-'10. He served as a private in Captain James Willets, Jr's., company of the Cape May County Battalion, New Jersey Militia. He was afterward lost at sea and his widow married Joseph Corson, by whom she had six children, four sons and two daughters. By her first marriage with Joseph Badcock, she had two daughters, one of whom, Millicent, married Stephen Young, of the Lower Bridge.

In connection with the old Mackey plantation, there is an interesting note in Jacob Spicer's diary, under date of February 22, 1757: "John Mackey's house is 40x20, single story, with hip, for which Joseph Edwards is to get the timber, frame, cover, make the window frames, sashes, put in the lights, make the outside doors and lay the floors for £16, and find himself and work-

men. Mackey to find the lath sawed and shingle fit for covering." This house stood to the northeast of the present house upon the Mackey place and faced south.

The Mackey place was sold to Smith Hand, and after his death it came into the possession of Charles Hand, of whom it was purchased by Stephen Young, of the Lower Bridge. At the latter's death it was divided among certain of his heirs.

The John Mackey house was burned in midwinter, and the occupants, the family of Willets Wheaton, were compelled to seek shelter as best they could. The central portion of the present house stood back of the present site, and when the front part was built in 1840 it was erected in the middle of a wheat field, and the old house, which stood at some distance was moved up to it. The brick, excepting those used in the front wall, was burned upon the place, and the master mason, John Barker, who laid from 2,500 to 3,000 per day, received eighty-five cents for a day's work. Later, the rear part of the house was added by Henry Young.\*

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\*Stephen T. Young.

## THE VAN GILDER FAMILY\*

Some centuries ago there was in the Netherlands a province called Gelderland, and it is thought that the people who went from that province came to be called by it, "van" indicating from. The name of this family appears in various spellings: Van Gelder, van Gelder, Van Guilder and VanGilder, the latter spelling being now the more generally used.

The VanGilders, four brothers, came to America with the VanRensaeleers, John settling in New York, then called New Amsterdam, and was among those who in about 1674 owned houses and lots on the present east side of Broadway, between Beaver and Wall Street, then known as a part of Marketfield and Broadway,† which he purchased of Adam Oucleburgh between the years 1665 and 1672.‡ Gerrit VanGelder also seems to have settled in New York, and was a member of the Dutch church, he living on Parel Straat (Pearl Street), between State and Whitehall Streets. Abraham settled at Kaatsbaan, in Ulster County, New York; and on the records of the church of Kaatsbaan appears the birth of a child, Aalye, April 14, 1698. Another brother settled near where the city of Albany now stands previous to 1683.

John and Abraham VanGilder, probably sons of John VanGiider, of New York, with their families, left Long

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\*Written largely from data given by Benjamin Weatherby and Miss Sara VanGilder. †Valentine's History of the City of New York. ‡Year Book of the Holland Society.

Island\* in a sloop, and sailing down the coast as far as Great Egg Harbor Inlet, came up what is now known as the Tuckahoe River and the Cedar Swamp Creek. When they got as far as Half-Way Creek, night overtaking them they anchored; and there the first VanGilder was born in the county. They then came up as far as what was known in early days as "Fast Landing." That land not suiting them, they went up to the farm lately owned by Rev. James Vansant, now the property of Mrs. William Margeson, where they built a cave and with their families lived in it. They bought land of the West Jersey Society, and commenced to clear it up. Abraham made the remark, "this land is of little worth," hence the place was called "Littleworth."

Abraham built a log house and lived where he first settled. He left two sons, David and Ezekiel.

David, son of Abraham VanGilder, married Ann, daughter of William Shaw, and built on the farm now owned by Somers Sack. He had three sons, Amasa, Ezekiel and Cornelius. The latter married Elizabeth Ingersoll and died young, leaving one son, Cornelius.

John VanGilder, the ancestor of all by that name now living in Cape May County, built a log house on the property now owned by the Petersburg Development Company. He owned a large tract of land and also located several large tracts of cedar swamp, which he also bought of the West Jersey Society. We have no means of knowing the date of his death, but he was

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\*Tradition says both John and Abraham VanGilder were married before coming to this section, and there is record of Abraham's marriage in 1737. There is also a record of a purchase of land by John VanGilder in 1748. This would seem to place their coming at sometime between these dates.

buried in the family burying ground on the farm of H. P. Mickel. His will bears the date of October 8, 1772.\* He had four sons and one daughter: John, Abraham, Isaac, Jeremiah and Naamah, who married first James Mickel, second, Benajah Tomlin.

John, son of John VanGilder, married Hannah Scull. While in the woods he met with an accident which resulted in his death. So far as is known, he left no descendants. His will, made February 2d, 1799 and proved the 9th of April following, mentions his brothers, Abraham and Isaac, and his nephews, James and Robert Mickel, and John, Jr., and Isaac VanGilder. The latter two are named as executors.

Abraham, son of John VanGilder, was a member of the Second Company Cape May Battalion of Militia in the Revolutionary War. He married first, Martha Hand, second, Mary Alcutt. He sold his property and migrated to the West. Some of his descendants now live in the State of Illinois.

Jeremiah, son of John VanGilder, served in the Second Company of Cape May Militia in the Revolutionary War. He married Sarah Bishop, and so far as is known had no children.

Isaac, son of John VanGilder, built on the land lately owned by the heirs of Willis Young. He was in 1777 a member of the Second Company of the Cape May Battalion of Militia. His wife's name was Mary . . . . . He left four sons: John, Ezekiel, Isaac, and a fourth who was killed while felling timber in the cedar swamp.

John, 1771-1826, son of Isaac VanGilder, married Lydia, 1774-1850, daughter of Thomas French, in 1794. He was a man of energy, and accumulated a great deal

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\*Referred to in deed, Jeremiah VanGilder, grantor, Peter Corson, grantee, 1787.

of land. He made a business of getting out cedar lumber and hauling to Dennis Creek, and was instrumental in building the bank over Cedar Swamp Creek. He had five children: John, 1809-1892, was a cripple and never married; Hannah; Sarah, 1807-1875, married David Williams; Thomas; Letitia, 1795-1864, married Richard Weatherby.

Hannah, 1799-1845, daughter of John VanGilder, 3d, married James Smith, 1797-1888, and lived on the Madara place. Their children were, Jeremiah, Frank, Hannah Ann, married first, Enoch Williams, second, Manluff Williams; Sarah Jane, married Captain Frank Gandy, of the Shore Road; Adelaide, married Captain Benjamin Gandy, of Tuckahoe; Lewis, married Adelaide Young, and lived at Tuckahoe after his marriage.

Thomas, 1803-1879, son of John VanGilder, 3d, was Sheriff of Cape May County, 1841-4; Freeholder, 1846-53. He married first, Sarah Garwood, second, Mary Garwood, her sister, and had seven children: Thaddeus, Thomas I., Emeline, married Anthony Steelman; Anna, married Townsend Young; Leonora, married first, James Johnson, second, Henry Rittenhouse; John S. married Mary Gandy.

Thaddeus, 1831-1881, son of Thomas VanGilder, married Hannah Hand. Their children are William R., Sarah Ann, married Hon. John Huffman; Cora, married Edmund Bennett.

William R., son of Thaddeus VanGilder married Eva S. Corson, and has three children: Sophie, deceased; Thaddeus, married Julia Bailey, and has one son, Burrows; and W. Rolland.

Isaac, son of Isaac VanGilder, married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Willits in 1799. He was First Sergeant in the Cape May Independent Infantry in 1814-15. His children were: Washington, Abigail and Mary.



Washington, 1806-1847 son of Isaac VanGilder, Jr., married Amy, daughter of James Mickel, and had five children: Ruth, Millicent, Aaron, Leaming and Eliza.

Leaming, 1836-1897, son of Washington VanGilder, married Serena Ford, 1837-1903, and had three children: Washington, Esther, married Roland Corson; Amy, married Winton Smith.

Washington, son of Leaming VanGilder, married Allie Hess. Their children are: Floyd, Ralph, Eliza, Roger, deceased; and Helen.

Mary, daughter of Isaac VanGilder, Jr., married James Williams.

Abigail, daughter of Isaac VanGilder, married Alexander Young, and had seven children: Elizabeth, Millicent, Ruth, Henry Jr., married Roxanna Gandy; Willis, married Arabella Townsend; Louvisa, married Edgar Smith.

Willis, son of Alexander and Abigail (VanGilder) Young, married Arabella Townsend. Their children were: Washington, married Mattie Shaw; Martha, married James W. Brown; Mary, married Lilburn Hess; Almira, married Frank Sharp; Lillian, married Carl Pickens.

Ezekiel, 1771-1850, son of Isaac VanGilder, 1st, married Mary Chapman, 1782-1850. Their children were: Roxanna, b 1804; Warren, b 1805; Amy, b 1807, married John Voss; Thompson, b 1809; Levi, b 1816; Isaac, Caroline, married Edward Voss; and David.

David, son of Ezekiel VanGilder, married Mary Cresse. Their children were: Elena, married William Mounce; Theophilus, married Lucy Bowen; Elizabeth, married Harry Kraft; Clara, married Harry Corson; Medora, married Edgar Voss; David, married Eugenia Farson; and Amelia and Victorinne, who died in infancy.

Isaac, son of Ezekiel VanGilder, married Mary Rosena Blake and had one daughter, Anna, who married Somers Sack. They have three sons: Clarence married Alda Lee; Raymond, married Lillian Ingersoll; and Willard.

Caroline, daughter of Ezekiel VanGilder, married Edward Voss and had four children: Mary, married Thomas Ross; Edgar, married Medora VanGilder, and has two children, Caroline and Walter; John married Elizabeth Miller; Richard, married first, Elizabeth Camp; second Emma Burk.

Levi, 1812-1869, son of Ezekiel VanGilder, married Livia Corson, 1817-1881. Their children were Franklin, Emma, married John W. Gandy; Peter C., Ezekiel, Priscilla.

Franklin, 1839-1898, son of Levi VanGilder, married Mary Ann Treen. Their children were: Frank, Mattie, Corrina and Livia. The latter two are deceased.

Peter C., son of Levi VanGilder, married Fdorch Godfrey. Their children are: Sara S, Perthia, married Robert C. Smith; Levi, married Martha Fitch; and Ethel.

Ezekiel, son of Levi VanGilder, married Rachel E. Mickel. Their children are Florence, deceased; Irene, Rodney, married Eleanor Gandy; Leroy, married first, Cornelia Creamer, second, Experience Buzby.

Priscilla, daughter of Levi VanGilder, married William Westcott. They have two children, Livia and Milton,

## THE CORSON FAMILY\*

“Who was the hero? you inquire;  
Your Jersey ancestor, son  
Descended from Holland sire.  
The eldest Jacob Corson,  
Who crossed Old Ocean's mile and mile  
In sixteen thirty-four, son;  
With household goods to Manhattan's Isle  
And begat Nicholas Corson,  
Who raised two sons to share his toil,  
And they went to explore, son,  
Discovered Seaville's sandy soil,  
Bold John and Peter Corson.†

According to the Year Book of the Holland Society, “Pieter Corsen, of Breuckelen (Brooklyn), native, was among those who took the 'oath of allegiance in King's County, in the Province of New York, the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th of September, in the year of His Majesty's reign; Annoque Dominie 1687.' ”

Peter and John Corson came from Long Island in a whale boat. They, becoming disgusted at the carrousal of those on board, in their own language, “could not stand such goings on,” therefore embarked in a yawl boat when off the coast of New Jersey, and landed in Cape May County, at what is known as Cellar's Creek

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\*Written from data given by Miss Victoria Corson, Miss Sarah Corson, Miss Sara VanGilder and others.

†Extract from report of Hope Corson Family reunion, published in Cape May County Gazette, Dec. 15, 1905.

(so named from the remains of their old cellar), at Palermo, and lived one winter on the farm of the late Robert R. Corson, and later purchased land in that vicinity

## The Peter Corson Branch

In 1695 Peter Corson purchased 400 acres of land of Jeremiah Basse, agent for the West Jersey Society, situated near where the Seaville station of the Reading Railroad now stands. He was a member of the Assembly in 1707-'8. He had two sons, Christian and Peter, and a daughter. Abigail, who married Shamgar Hand, Jr.

Christian, son of Peter Corson, had four sons: Andrew, John, Christian, and Joseph.

Christian, son of Christian Corson, had four sons: Abner, Christian, Peter and Nathan.

Peter son of Christian Corson, Jr., had five sons: Darius, Jesse, Levi, Rem and Peter 3d.

Peter, son of Peter Corson, Jr., had four sons: James, John, Henry and Constantine, who married Edith, daughter of Samuel Townsend, Sr.

Joseph, son of Christian Corson, was born in 1716 and died in 1793. On January 22, 1759, he married Rachel Corson, and they had three sons: Parmenas, Amos, who died in infancy, and Joseph, Jr.

In 1744 he purchased of the West Jersey Society, 145 acres of land adjoining Isaac Baner and Henry Young, and in the same year he purchased of the Society 390 acres on the northwest side of the Cedar Swamp Creek, adjoining John VanGilder, it including part of the Westcott property and the Madara and Entrikin places. His will, made March 19, 1793, mentions his sons, Par-

menas, to whom he left the homestead among other properties, and Joseph, to whom he left the property at the Lower Bridge, and also that lying on the northwest side of Cedar Swamp Creek. His will also mentions his wife, Rachel, his grandfather, Peter Corson, and land "adjoining Peter Corson, Jr."

In 1745 he was a Grand Juror; in 1762 he, with others, petitioned Legislature for a toll bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek at Fast Landing, now called the Lower Bridge. The same year he was commissioned Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; in 1767 was made a Justice of the Peace, and in 1775 he was a member of the Committee of Safety.

Parmenas, son of Joseph Corson, was born in 1760 and died in 1843. He served in Capt. James Willets, Jr.'s company, the Second Cape May Battalion, in the Revolutionary War; was a member of the Governor's Council in 1796-'99, 1801-'05; Justice of the Peace, 1796-1801; Freeholder, 1829-'32 and 1834. He married three times. His first wife was Rachel Willets; his second, Roxanna (Griffing) Benezatt (1774-1806); his third, Rachel Corson, (1778-1878). His children were: Amos (1779-1848), married Hulda Swain; Althea (born 1784), married Zebulon Townsend; and Albert Griffing.

Albert Griffing, son of Parmenas Corson, married Phoebe Corson (d 1830), and had two children: Griffing and Caroline.

Griffing, (1828-'92), son of Albert Griffing Corson, married Ann Eliza Corson. They had three children: Sarah H., Leslie A., married Lydia Thomas; Roxanna, married Rev. William Massey.

Joseph, son of Joseph and Rachel Corson, born September 6, 1765, died in 1841, lived on what is known as the Swan place at the Lower Bridge, and is buried in the Palermo Baptist Cemetery. He was appointed

Judge of the Inferior Court in 1805, and was Justice of the Peace in 1810-,11, and also conducted a shipyard at the Lower Bridge. He married Phoebe (Mackey) widow of Joseph Badcock (1758-1839), and had six children: Joseph, 3d; John M., Isaiah, Allen, Sarah and Rachel.

Allen, son of Joseph and Phoebe Corson was commissioned a Lieutenant in the First Company, Cape May Independent Regiment in 1818; Captain of same in 1822, and served as Justice of the Peace, 1831-'35. He built the house now owned by Miss Victoria Corson. He married Sarah Hewttt (1796-1854). Their children were: Roxanna (1817-1902), married Joseph Mickel; Allen H.; Sarah (1825-1906), married William Simpson; Alexander, married Caroline Corson; Rachel (1830-'95, single; Ann Eliza, married Griffing Corson; Pennington (1805-'18); Victoria, single.

Allen H. (1819-'89), son of Allen and Sarah Corson, married Maria Corson (1820-'38). Their children were: Pennington and Allen. The latter died in infancy.

Pennington, son of Allen H. and Maria Corson entered the New Jersey M. E. Conference in 1884, and has served the following appointments: Port Norris, Sharptown, Elmer, Trenton, Central; Long Branch, First; Clayton, Princeton, Ocean City, Bridgeton, Commerce Street; Manasquan and Haddonfield. He married Sarah Rodan. and has these children. Maria, Alexander, Allen, Louisa, Caroline, Harris, Pennington and Paul.

Joseph, son of Joseph and Phoebe Corson; born September 1, 1788, lived on the Swan place until he was married, after which he built the house owned by William Matthews and lived there. He was lost at sea. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph Edwards. Their children were. Joseph, 4th; Ambros (1815-'56), Elva, Isabel, married Amos Corson; Sarah Ann.

Sarah Ann, (1820-'57), daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Edwards) Corson, married Jesse C. Godfrey (1819-41), and had one daughter, Cornelia (1841-'82), who married Parmenas Corson (1832-1904), and had four children, all of whom live on the Shore Road.

Elva, son of Joseph and Sarah (Edwards) Corson, had a daughter, Caroline, who married Andrew Lippincott.

Joseph, son of Joseph and Sarah (Edwards) Corson, married Cornelia Foreman (1827-1908). He is buried in Brooklyn, N. Y. His wife is buried in Petersburg churchyard. Their children were: Cynthia, married Spencer Swan, and Gertrude, married first, Rufus Budd, second, William Matthews, and has one daughter, Cornelia.

John M., son of Joseph and Phoebe (Mackey) Corson, married Eliza Ingersoll. He inherited from his father the Entriokin place, where he built the house now standing. His children were: John I., Francis, Mary, married Richard S. Corson; Horatio, Eliza Ann, married John Foster. In 1846 he sold his property and with his family moved to Illinois.

John I., son of John M. Corson, married ..... Frambes. His children were: Experiance, Eliza and Francis. In 1853 he entered the New Jersey M. E. Conference and served continuously until 1893, when he took supernumerary relations with the Conference. He died March 29, 1899, aged 76 years, and is buried in the churchyard at Tuckahoe.

Isaiah, (1802-'55), son of Joseph and Phoebe (Mackey) Corson, married Tabitha Wheaton and lived on the Shore Road.

Peter, son of Peter Corson, married Deborah ..... He served on the Grand Jury in 1745, and took the oath of allegiance to the State of New Jersey in 1778. His

children were Peter, Cornelius, Jonathan and Elias.

Cornelius (1757-1815), son of Peter and Deborah Corson, was a member of Capt. James Willits, Jr.'s company of Militia in 1778, and served as Justice of the Peace in 1802-'11, and was made Judge of the Inferior Court in 1806. He lived in a house which stood where the old brick house on the Westcott place now stands, which property he purchased of the heirs of Samuel Townsend, Jr., in 1801. He married Sarah ..... (1762-1843), and had seven children: Cornelius, Deborah, married Levi Corson; Peter, Sarah (1780-1847), married Joshua Garretson; Phoebe, married Eli Stephenson; Rebecca, Experience (1802-'15.)

Cornelius, son of Cornelius and Sarah Corson, married first, Delilah Champion; second, Edith Godfrey, and third, Rebecca Corson. He was in 1814-'15 a member of the Cape May Independent Regiment and in 1818 was commissioned Captain of the First Company.

Peter (1795-1873), son of Cornelius and Sarah Corson, married first, Sylvia Smith (1795-1863); second Lydia Godfrey (1811-1870). His children were: Livia (1817-'81), married Levi VanGilder, and Cornelius S. (1818-1824). He built the small brick house on the Westcott place, and in partnership with Harrison Westcott, established the corner store. He was Justice of the Peace, 1831-41, and postmaster, 1849, 1853-'65, and in his honor the name of the village was changed from Littleworth to Petersburg.

Rebecca (1791-1853), daughter of Cornelius and Sarah Corson, married William Earl and had a son, Peter, and a daughter, Rebecca (1827-'91), who married James Homan (1824-'91).

Elias, son of Peter and Deborah Corson, married Sarah ..... Their children were: Elias (1787-1852), Ezra (1792-1874), Richard, Martha (1797-1859),



married William Boon (1794-1879), and Amy.

Ezra, son of Elias and Sarah Corson, married Hannah Steelman (1793-1877). Their children were; Ezra, Townsend, Burrows and Elias, who is buried in Cardenas de Cuba; and Elmina, who married Gilbert Godfrey.

Barrows, son of Ezra Corson, married Sophie Smith. Their children were Roland and Eva S., who married William R. VanGilder.

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Elias, son of Elias and Sarah Corson, married Abigail Steelman (1780-1872), and lived in a house which formerly stood adjoining R. C. Smith's residence, and which originally stood on the lane between the properties of John Lee and Frank Gandy. He served as Justice of the Peace in 1829. Following are the names of his children as mentioned in his will: Ezra S, Amy, Hannah Miller, Elias, Martha, Richard S., Lydia Mary, married Richard T. Corson; and Tolitha.

## The John Corson Branch

John Corson married Mietje\* Theunis, of Heeren Gracht, West Zyde (Broad Street, West Side), New York, who was in 1686 a member of the Dutch church of that city.†

He in 1695 purchased 300 acres of land of the West Jersey Society, adjoining his brother Peter's property. His will, dated January 11, 1721-22, mentions his wife, Mary, and the following children: Andrew, Hannah,

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\*The suffix "tje" is possibly the greatest favorite among diminutive suffixes in Dutch. "Mie" is the ordinary Dutch for "Mary," and "little Mary" is "Mietje." Another form for "Mary" is "Maria," and its diminutive is "Maritje."---Philadelphia Inquirer.

†Year Book of the Holland Society.

Martha and Jacob. The executors of this will were his wife and son, Jacob; the witnesses, Peter Corson, David Gandy and Nathaniel Jenkins. It was proved, May 6, 1728. The inventory of his personal estate was made March 2, 1727-28 by Robert Townsend and John Willits. (This will makes no mention of John Corson, Jr., but there is record of debts being paid, Feb. 14, 1714-15, to John Corson, Sr., and John Corson, Jr., in settlement of estate of Abraham Hand.)

Martha, daughter of John and Mary Corson, on October 5, 1714, married John Willits. Their children were: Isaac, James and Jacob,

John, son of John and Mary Corson, had two sons, John, 3d, and Joel.

John Corson, 3d, had four children: John, 4th, Emley, Samuel and Hannah. The latter married William Hess.

Emley, son of John Corson, 3d, married Mary Crammer, and had two sons: Hezekiah and Emley, Jr.

Hezekiah, son of Emley and Mary Corson, married Mary Smith. Their children were: Fidelia, married Alfred Reeves; Alida, married Allen MacDonald; and William, married Amanda Lamb.

Jacob, son of John and Mary Corson, had three sons; Eli, Nicholas and Jacob, 2d.

Jacob Corson, 2d's children were; Eli, Nicholas, Jacob; 3d, and Job.

Job Corson married Rebecca Edwards. Their children were: Jacob, Levi, Moses, Hope and Job, 2d.

Levi Corson married Deborah, daughter of Cornelius Corson, and lived on the Vansant place. Their children were: Cornelius, Charlotte, Sylvia and Deborah, The latter married a sea captain who was lost at sea.

Cornelius, son of Levi and Deborah Corson, built and lived in the front part of the house now owned and occupied by Hollis P. Mickel. He married Almira

Blake. Their children were: Harrison, James and Laura.

Harrison J., son of Cornelius and Almira Corson, married Roselma Hill. Their children were: Roselma, deceased, married George Eldridge; Allie, married Benjamin Taylor; Walter, deceased, married Sara J. Sharp; James, deceased; Lewis; Francis, deceased; Belmont, deceased.

Charlotte, daughter of Levi and Deborah Corson, married Edwards Corson and lived on the Eutrikin place. Their children were: Augustus, married Judith S. Scull; Deborah, married Thomas Boys; Ida, married Benjamin D. Hartman; Dayton, married Mary Hoff; Emma, died young; Anna Maria, married Jacob Fidler.

Sylvia, daughter of Levi and Deborah Corson, married George Blake.

## THE MICKEL FAMILY

The first record which we find of this name is in an extract from the diary of Jacob Spicer under date of March 1, 1760, which reads: "This day agreed with James Mickel for a year's service, to commence when the time expires with Reuben Ludlam, to be paid half in cash and the other half in goods at cash prices, and for the year; but if in any part employed by land and part by water along the coast, including North Carolina and up the Delaware, then to have £18 for the year's services; but if he proceeds from North Carolina and thence to the West Indies, when at home or can send his linen and other clothes, then to leave his washing. He is to attend to such various business as I shall need to employ him by land or sea. If he is fully employed on land, to have £16. He is to have £20 for the year's services."

He married Naamah, daughter of John VanGilder, and died sometime between the years 1792 and 1797, leaving two sons, Robert and James.

Robert Mickel died between February, 1817, and December, 1818, and James, who was a blacksmith by trade and had a shop where John Lee's house stands, built and lived in the house now occupied by James S. Smith. He married Rachel White and had the following children: Amy, married first, Washington VanGilder, second Enoch T. Godfrey; Sarah Ann, married Henry Grace, of Goshen; Rachel Ann, 1st; Rachel Ann, 2d.; Thompson, 1st.; Thompson, 2d.; Joseph, John, Leaming and Elmer.

He and his family, with the exception of his son,

Joseph, moved to Illinois in 1849. his son, John, having preceeded him three years earlier. His daughters, Amy and Sarah Ann returned to this section.

Two of his children, Rachel Ann, 1st., and Thompson, 1st., are buried in the old burying ground on the farm of H. P. Mickel.

Joseph Mickel (1818-'87), married Roxanna Corson (1817-1902), and built and lived in the homestead now the property of Mrs. Rachel E. VanGilder. They had three children: Hollis P., Rachel E., who married Ezekiel VanGilder; and Joseph, who died in infancy.

Hollis P., son of Joseph and Roxanna Mickel, married Ida Coombs, and has one son, J. Leon.

## THE TOMLIN FAMILY\*

William Tomlin (.....-1801), married Martha ..... Their children were: Benajah, Gedediah, Matthew, William, Samuel, Sarah, Drucilla, Mary and Martha.

Benajah 1766-1852), son of William and Martha Tomlin, married three times. His first wife was Sylvia ....., by whom he had a daughter, Loruhamah, who married Jeremiah Edmunds. She died at Cold Spring in 1810. His second wife was Naamah, widow of James Mickel, and daughter of John VanGilder, whom he married in 1797. His children by this marriage were: Isaac (1798-1838), Hugh, Mary, single; Benajah, Naamah, who married her cousin, Enos Tomlin, and after his death, Jacob Coombs. His third wife was Mrs. Naamah (MacBride) Lattimore. Their children were: Eliza (1816-1906), who married Hamilton Smith; Sylvia, died young; and William D. (1823-'96).

Benajah, son of Benajah and Naamah Tomlin, married Mary Miller. Their children were: Smith M., Adelaide, Elijah M., Enos, Mary M., Benajah and Amy.

Elijah Tomlin married Catherine S. Stites and lived for a time on the farm now owned by Albert F. Clark. Later he moved to Tuckahoe, where he now resides. He had two sons, Rutledge who married Letitia Corson; and Burdette, who married Rena Smith.

Hugh, son of Benajah Tomlin, Sr., married Amelia Stites and lived at Goshen, N. J. His children were: Robert M., Hugh, Isabella, Hannah, Isaac, Martha

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\*Data given by Charles Tomlin.

Ann, Benjamin Franklin, Mary Jane and Amelia.

Robert M. Tomlin married Julia, daughter of William Boon, and lived in the house now occupied by William Tomlin. His children were: Julia Etta, married John Taylor; Gencvra, married Lewis Parsons; Robert G., married Sadie Rose; Hugh; and William who married Bertie Camp and has four children: Marguerite, William, Violet and George.

## THE WILLIAMS FAMILY\*

The Williams family is said to have been of French descent. James, David and Manlief Williams, with a sister who died when about eighteen years of age, according to family tradition, came to this State from Delaware when quite young and lived for a time with their grand-parents at Millville, and later in Atlantic County. When young men they came to this section.

James Williams (1793-1973) built on the property (the old orchard) now owned by William S. Eldridge. The house is now used as an outbuilding on the property occupied by Clarence Sack. He served in the War of 1812. He married Mary (1786-1857), daughter of Isaac VanGilder, and had seven children: Sarah, married Seth Homan; James, Abigail, married Eli Budd; Martha, Enoch, (1824-'52), married Hannah Smith; Manlief, married Hannah Smith; Isaac, married Margaretta Riggins.

Martha (1840-'87), daughter of James Williams, married Ebenezer Brown and had one son, James W., who married Martha Young. Their children are. Emma, deceased; Ebenezer M., Lillian and Etta.

James (1821-'74), son of James and Mary Williams, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Boon. Their children are: Frederick, married Mary E. Seeley; John, Enoch, married Linda Sapp; Mary married James Sharp; James, married Henrietta Souders; William, married Emma Gallagher; and Sarah.

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\*Data given by Mrs. Sarah Homan and Mrs. Amanda Goff.



Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth Williams, married James Sharp. Their children were: Elizabeth, married Ross Taylor; Alfred, married Carrie Gandy; Paul, married Mattie Garron; Sara, married Walter Corson; Florence, deceased, married Frank Chew; Hannah, married Robert Hagelgan; Sophia, married Harold Ross.

Manlief Williams, Sr., married Mrs. Elizabeth Towzer. Their children were: Joseph, Amos, David, Sarah Ann, married Zebulon York; and Amanda, married Eldridge Goff.

David Williams, Sr. (1799-1855), married Sarah VanGilder (1807-1845), daughter of John VanGilder, 3d. Their children were: Letitia (1832-1907), who married Peter Godfrey and had one daughter, Fleta, who married Nason Lafferty; Cornelia (1839-1903) married Cornelius Smith; Evaline, married Jonas Rodan; Ellen, married first, Swing Whitecar, second, Charles McGear; Frederick.

Cornelia, daughter of David Williams, married Cornelius Smith. Their children are: Frank, married first, Hannah Budd, second, Julia (Murphy) O'Connell; Robert C., married Bertha VanGilder, and has two children, Hilda and Marcia; Eliza married James S. Smith; Charles, married Sarah Steelman.

Isaac Williams son of James Williams, Sr., built the house now occupied by Clarence Sack. He married Margaretta Riggins and had four children: Howard, Charles, Mary and Flora.

## THE GODFREY FAMILY\*

The first of this name of whom we find record in this vicinity is James Godfrey, who in 1774 purchased of Jeremiah Corson 136 acres of land: being land which Jacob Spicer purchased of the West Jersey Society in 1765, and lying adjoining the Entrikin place, on the southwest. He was commissioned a Justice of the Peace in 1767; was Commissioner of the Peace in 1771; was a member of the Second Company; Cape May Battalion in 1777, and took the oath of allegiance in 1778. He had three sons: Enoch, Matthew and Thomas, who married first, Martha Wheaton, second, Mary Scull. At his death, Matthew purchased of the heirs the estate, which he later sold to Cornelius Corson.

Matthew married first, Mary . . . . ., second, Martha Corson, and had nine children: Jesse, Matthew, Reuben, James, Townsend, Hannah, Martha, Rachel and Emeline.

Jesse Godfrey (1801-1881) had four wives, namely, Deborah Corson, Phoebe Sayre, Rachel Townsend and Rebecca Ingersoll. He had ten children. Reuben, who was lost at sea; Swain, married Sarah Townsend; Washington, married Bridget O'Brien and Anna Davis; Hiram, married Martha Hall; Jesse, married Emily VanGilder; Richard, married Emma Hall; Charles, married Palmyra Risley; Elmira, married Elmer Young; Hannah, died in infancy.

Swain Godfrey married Sarah Townsend and had five children: Reuben, married Ladora Layton; Deborah,

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\*Data given by Mrs. Daborah VanGilder.

married Peter VanGilder; Almeda, married James Chat-  
tin; Ezma, married Charles Hammond; Ella, died in  
infancy.

## OTHER FAMILIES

### The Hess Family\*

The Hess family is said to have been of French descent. William Hess (1805-'77) came to this State from Pennsylvania when a young man and married Hannah (1807-'85), daughter of John Corson. Their children were James, Somers, Amanda, Charles, Mary Ann, and Talitha.

James Hess (1833-'76), married Elizabeth Blake (1831-1900), and lived at the corner of the State road and Young's road, where he conducted a wheelwright shop. He later purchased the property now owned by Anelio Reginio, and built a shop adjoining, which was destroyed by fire, after which he built another shop on the same site. Their children were: Milton, Allie, who married Washington VanGilder, and Francis.

Mary Ann Hess married first, Jesse Green. second, Rev. James Vansant. Her children were. William, Lois, married Frank Bailey; and Hannah.

Talitha Hess married first, George Godfrey, second, ..... Robb. Her children were Albert and Amanda.

### The Townsend Family

In 1772 Samuel Townsend purchased of Joseph Corson, the property now owned by William Westcott. His children were. Samuel, Jr., married Elizabeth

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\*Data given by Mrs. Allie VanGilder.

.....; Edith, married Constantine Corson; Millicent, married first, Henry Young, 2d., second, Hugh Hathorn; Hannah, married first, John Cathcart, second, Abner Chapman; Rachel, married first, ..... Willits, second, Thomas Lee; Phoebe married John Godfrey.

This family is now extinct in the direct line in Petersburg.

### The Creamer Family\*

Jacob, son of Jacob Creamer, settled on the Creamer's Mill property and first lived in a house which stood back in the field on what is known as the Fred Creamer place, and later in a house which is now used as an out-building on the property. He died in 1866, aged 73 years. He married Rebecca Camp, who died in 1871. Their children were: Mary, married Joseph Noble; Ellen, married John Stokely; Sophie, married George Moore; Hannah married Earnest Champion; Frederick, died in the army; Hezekiah, single; Charles, married Anna M. Hoff; Daniel; James, married Matilda Hess; Reuben, single.

Charles Creamer married Anna M., daughter of Peter Hoff. Their children were: Gabriella, died in infancy; Victoria, married Aaron Nickerson; Bertha, died in infancy; Hannah, married Franklin V. Gandy; Mary H.; Leaming, married Nina Bard; Randolph M., married Laura Wheeler; Cornelia, deceased, married Leroy VanGilder; and Rebecca, married Hope W. Gandy.

Daniel Creamer married Mary Ann Camp, Their children were: Frederick, Phoebe and Charles.

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\*Data given by Mrs. Martha Caldwell.

## The Camp Family\*

Joseph Camp came from the vicinity of Manumuskin in about 1822 and purchased property and built a house east of the present house on the Fred Creamer place. His children were: Joseph, Hezekiah, Jane, married Hezekiah Veach; Sarah, married Peter Steelman; Naomi, married Eli Camp; Rebecca, married Jacob Creamer.

Joseph Camp, 2d., married Mary Barrett. His children were: Elizabeth; married Richard Voss; Nellie, deceased; Annie, married Uriah Hess; Joseph; Hezekiah; and Naomi, married Thomas Hoff.

## The Blake Family†

Mary Blake, a widow, came to this vicinity with her family of small children, from Newark, and for a time taught the Petersburg school, later marrying Hezekiah Corson. Her children were. George, Mary, Elizabeth and Almira.

George Blake married Sylvia Corson. Their children were Levi, George, Mary, Hezekiah, Johathan and Sylvia.

Mary Blake married Isaac VanGilder, and had one daughter, Anna, who married Somers Sack.

Elizabeth Blake married James Hess. Their children were: Milton, Allie, who married Washington VanGilder; and Francis.

Almira Blake married Cornelius Corson.

\*Data given by Joseph Camp. †Data given by Mrs. Allie VanGilder.

## The Hoff Family\*

Peter B. Hoff (1818-1903), son of William and Martha Hoff, came to this section from Keyport, N. J., and with his family settled on the Creamer's Mill property. He served several terms on the Grand Jury, was Assessor and Commissioner of Appeals and held other township offices, and was an honorary member of the University of Pennsylvania Field Club of Botany. He married Mary Pangborn. Their children were: Cornelia, married George Walters; Angus, Margaret Emma, William, Anna, married Charles Creamer; Margaret C., Thomas, George and Martha.

Margaret C., daughter of Peter B. Hoff, married Thomas Freestone and had three children: Joseph, Ellis and Walter. The latter married Laura Ball, and has one son, Frank.

George W., son of Peter B. Hoff, married Ada, daughter of Leaming Stephenson, and had five children: Rose, died in infancy; Hannah, deceased; Mary S., Edward D. and Peter B.

Martha, daughter of Peter B. Hoff, married Charles Caldwell. Their children are: Virgil, married Blanche Chambers; Emma, Bertha H., Pearla L., George W., William H., Hollis A., and Mabel U.

## The Butler Family†

Isaac Butler, the first of that name of whom we have record, his name appearing on the Assessor's duplicate for the year 1822 as a single man, and again in 1827 as

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\*Data given by Mrs. Martha Caldwell. †Data given by A. C. Butler.

a householder lived for a time in the vicinity of Seaville, subsequently removing to the property now owned by William Tyler, where he remained four years and followed the trade of ship carpentry. From here he moved to the property owned by William Matthews, where he resided one year and moved from there to the vicinity of the Head of the River and followed the occupation of farming, dying there at the age of seventy-three years. He was married twice, his first wife being Catherine, daughter of Rem Corson, by whom he had seven children: William, Smiley, Peter, Albert, Jesse, Matilda and Priscilla, all of whom are deceased. His second wife was Mary Ann Bishop, by whom he had two children: Albert C., and Catherine.

Albert C., son of Isaac Butler, married Ella, daughter of Frederick Drexel. Their children are: Frederick, deceased, married Alberta Beers; Harry, married Elizabeth Cunningham; Clarence, deceased; Albert, Robert, Isaac, Caroline, William, Frank and Clara.

### The Simpson Family\*

Elijah Simpson married Roxanna Beaston and lived in a house which stood between the properties of Benjamin Steelman and Frederick Williams. This house was purchased and torn away by Enoch T. Godfrey. Some of the timbers were purchased by Peter Godfrey and used in building the kitchen of the house owned by his daughter, Mrs. Fleta Lafferty. His children were: William, married Sarah Corson; Sylvia, married Frank Smith; Albert V., married Elizabeth Hess; Lydia, married Frederick Crandoll.

\*Data given by William S. Eldridge.



## The Smith Family\*

Elmer (1812-'84), son of Jeremiah Smith, married Harriet Parsons (1816-'88,) and in 1863 with his family moved from Tuckahoe to Petersburg and lived in the house now owned by John Lee. The following year he moved to the house owned by William Matthews at the Lower Bridge. One year later the Corner Store property was purchased and he moved thereon. Their children were; Jeremiah, Emma, married Lybrandt Corson; Martha, Thomas, Lettice, married Brinton Corson; Stephen, Joseph, Frank, Elizabeth, Charles, Hannah, married Benjamin Steelman, and had four children, Edna, Howard and Leroy Manlief, all deceased, and Elmer S.; and James S.

## The Eldridge Family†

Joseph, son of Joshua Eldridge, was born at Williamstown, N. J., and moved to Tuckahoe, where he worked at his trade of blacksmithing. In 1864 he moved to Petersburg and lived in the house owned by David Cresswell and worked at his trade for Frank Entriakin. Later he built the house in which he now resides and operated the blacksmith shop near the little bridge, on the property now owned by Somers Sack, and afterward built the shop adjoining his residence.

He married Pamela Surran (1836-1907), of Piney Hollow, N. J. Their children were; William S., George W., Sarah, married Lewis Tombleson; Rachel, Murella, married John O. Saul; Edwin, deceased; Cora,

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Data given by Mrs. Hannah Steelman. †Data given by William S. Eldridge.

married George Sack; and Joseph, married first, Angelina MacLennon, second Ethel Hollingshead, third, Mary Buck.

William S. Eldridge married Margaret Wilson. Their children are Mary, deceased; Edna, married Milton Whitecar; and Alice,

George Eldridge married Roselma Corson. Their children are: Laura, Russell, James, Harrison, Hattie, Emma and George W., deceased.

### The Stephenson Family\*

Eli Stephenson, the first of this name of whom we find record, lived on the property owned by Jeremiah Bailey, at Middletown. He served as Justice of the Peace, and was a local preacher. He was married three times, the name of his first wife being at present unknown. His second wife was Phoebe, daughter of Cornelius Corson; and his third was a daughter of James Corson. Of his children, Jacob and Aaron settled in this township, the former at Tuckahoe, and the latter at Seaville, from where he moved to Blackwood, N. J., and later to this vicinity. His children were: Leaming, Ruth Ann, married Rufus Godfrey; and Hannah, married William Hewitt.

Leaming Stephenson married first Harriet Crandoll, second Hannah Crandoll. His children were: Thomas C., deceased; Ada, who married George W. Hoff; Charles, Martha, married William Gibbs; Reuben; Leaming, Aaron, Harriet, married Frank Murphy; Rufus, and Jesse.

\*Data given by Leaming Stephenson.

## The Drexel Family\*

Frederick Drexel came to this country from Hamburg, Germany, when at the age of twenty-five years, and settled in Cape May County in the vicinity of Cape May Court House. He was a druggist by profession, but on his passage from the Old Country his papers were stolen from his trunk, and he never practiced his profession in this country. He lived for a time on the farm occupied by William Tyler, and later moved to the house owned and occupied by A. C. Butler, where he died. He married first, Elizabeth Broadwater, and had one daughter, Ella R., who married Albert C. Butler. His second wife was Mary Ann, widow of Isaac Butler.

## The Gandy Family

The ancestor of the Gandys of this vicinity was David Gandy, who in 1721-22 was a witness to the will of John Corson. In his will, which was made in 1757, he mentions his wife, Rebecca; and his children, Samuel, Thomas and John.

Samuel Gandy's will mentions his wife, Mary, and these children; David, Aaron, John and Esther.

David, son of Samuel Gandy, was a member of the Cape May Independent Regiment of Infantry in the War of 1812. He had the following children: David, Edmond, Curtis, Maurice, Furman and Phoebe,

David Gandy, 3d, was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He married Maria Bishop. Their children were: John W., who was drowned at

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\*Data given by Mrs. Ella R. Butler.

the Upper Bridge when about eleven years of age; David, who died in infancy; John W., 2d, Gideon, Matilda, married **John W. Babcock**; Sarah, married John P. Bailey; and **Lucy**, married Elwood Bowen.

John W. Gandy married Emma, daughter of Levi VanGilder. Their children are: Eva, married Levi Price; Franklin V., **Lydia**, married Alfred Sapp; **Anthony**, married Mary Strickhauser; Emeline and Elizabeth.

Franklin V. Gandy married **Hannah**, daughter of Charles and Anna Creamer, and has two children, Anna C. and John F.

## WESLEY M. E. CHURCH

The first Methodist preacher to visit these parts was Mr. James, who in 1780 came on horseback to the house of David Sayres in a driving snow storm and asked permission to stay all night. . . . . At this time the churches (in this vicinity) were connected with the Cumberland Circuit, embracing all of Cumberland and Cape May Counties.\*

In 1796 Cape May County was formed into a circuit and added to the Philadelphia District.

So early as 1781 James Crowell preached in this county, he being succeeded by John Fidler, John McCloskey, Benjamin Abbott and others. The labors of these pioneers resulted in many conversions about the county. Among the early ones were Peter Corson's family in Upper township. . . . . After the county had been formed into a circuit, Richard Swain had charge of it. He was succeeded in following years by David Dunham and Caleb Morris. The circuit reached no farther down than Tabernacle Church, being part of the Salem itinerancy. There was preaching at different points in private residences and school houses,†

Cumberland Circuit was formed in 1807, and included all the southern and eastern portions of Cumberland county and a greater part of Cape May county. The preachers appointed to the circuit, many if not all of

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\*Extract from article, "History of Old (Head of River) Church," in Cape May County Gazette, Oct. 6, 1896. †Bang's History of Methodism.

whom preached occasionally to the people of Littleworth, were:

- 1807, David Bartine and Joseph Stephens.
- 1808, William Smith and Charles Reed.
- 1809, Daniel Ireland and John Fox.
- 1810, Samuel Budd and Daniel Fidler.
- 1811, Thomas Dunn and Joseph Bennett.
- 1812, William Smith and Joseph Bennett.
- 1813, Nathan Swain and Daniel Fidler.
- 1814, Daniel Fidler and Daniel Ireland.
- 1815, Solomon Sharp and Nathan Swain.
- 1816, Solomon Sharp and Thomas Davis.
- 1817, Thomas Neal and Thomas Davis.
- 1818, Thomas Neal and John Creamer,
- 1819, Edward Stout and John Creamer.
- 1820, Edward Stout and Daniel Fidler.
- 1821, John Finley, John Collins.
- 1822, John Finley and James McLaurin.
- 1823-4, Edward Page and Elijah Reed.
- 1825-6, William Williams and William Lummis.
- 1827, John Woolson, Robert Gerry and Sedgwick Rusling.
- 1828, John Woolson, Sedgwick Rusling and Joseph Ashbrook.
- 1829-30, Watters Burrows and James Ayars.
- 1831, William Foulk and William Stevens.

Wesley Methodist Episcopal church was organized in 1831, although there was a congregation formed prior to that date, services being held once each month in the school house by both the Methodists and the Baptists on alternate dates.

The story is told that for some reason both denominations met one Sunday at the same time. Both

preachers announced their hymns, and Betsey Boon, who led the singing for the Methodist congregation, started the hymn and sang with such vigor as to drown out the Baptist singers. The Baptist preacher arose and said, "All ye that are with me, follow me," and with his flock retired to a neighboring house, where the service was continued.

Following is a copy of the original trustees' certificate:

This is to certify that in pursuance to ten days notice by advertisement according to law, a meeting was held at the house of Elias Corson, in Upper Township, Cape May County, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1831, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees to build a Methodist meetinghouse in the neighborhood of Littleworth, at which Elias Corson was chairman and William W. Foulks, secretary. The meeting being organized, proceeded to the election of trustees by the plurality of voices, and Allen Corson, John M. Corson, Peter Corson, James Mickel and Thomas Peterson were duly elected.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Attest, ELIAS CORSON, Chairman.  
WM. W. FOULKS, Sec't.

This is to certify that we, namely, Allen Corson, John M. Corson, Peter Corson, James Mickel and Thomas Peterson, all of the Upper township, in the county of Cape May and State of New Jersey, have incorporated ourselves as trustees, agreeable to the laws of said State, for the purpose of building an Episcopal Methodist meetinghouse or church in the township aforesaid, to be called and known by the incorporated name of the Wesley Meetinghouse. In witness whereof we have

hereunto set our hands this 22d day of December,  
A. D., 1831.

ALLEN CORSON, (L.S.)  
JOHN M. CORSON, (L.S.)  
PETER CORSON, (L.S.)  
JAMES MICKEL, (L. S.)  
THOMAS PETERSON; (L.S.)

Recived and recorded the above certificate December  
the 28th, A. D., 1831. JONATHAN HAND, Clerk.

The original members of the church, so far as can be  
ascertained were:

Elias Corson,  
Abigail, wife of Elias Corson,  
Sarah (Hewitt) Corson,  
Sarah (Edwards) Corson,  
Rebecca Corson,  
John M. Corson,  
Eliza, wife of John M. Corson.  
Sylvia Corson,  
James Mickel,  
Rachel, wife of James Mickel,  
Thomas Peterson,  
John Godfrey,  
Phoebe, wife of John Godfrey.  
Rebecca Ann French,

Rev. Caleb A. Malsbury, in his "Life of Charles Pitman," mentions Elias Corson and John Godfrey as "leaders."

With the growth of the Society the importance of having a church building became apparent, and steps toward that end were taken, and in the latter part of



1831 a plot of ground, being originally the Corson family burying ground, was purchasrd of Elias Corson and Peter Corson. Following is a copy of the deed for the ground:

This Indenture, made the Twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-one, between Elias Corson and Abigail, his wife, and Peter Corson and Sylvia, his wife, of Upper Township, Cape May County, State of New Jersey, of the one part, and Allen Corson, John M. Corson, Peter Corson, James Mickel and Thomas Peterson, trustees (in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned) all of the Township, State and County aforesaid, of the other part; Witnesseth that the said Elias Corson and Abigail, his wife, and Peter Corson and Sylvia, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of thirty dollars to them in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, and receipt whereof is hereby owned and acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed and conveyed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, release, confirm and convey unto them, the said Allen Corson, John M. Corson, Peter Corson, James Mickel and Thomas Peterson (trustees in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared), all the estate, right title, interest, property, claim and demand, whatsoever, either in land or equity, which they, the said Elias Corson and Abigail, his wife, and Peter Corson and Sylvia, his wlf, have in, to, or upon all and singular, a certain lot, or piece of land situate, lying and being in the neighborhood called Littleworth, Upper Township, Cape May County, State of New Jersey, aforesaid, bounded and butted as follows (to wit): Beginning in the centre of the road leading from Cedar

Swamp Creek to Dennis Creek, and being also on the line of said Elias Corson and Peter Corson's other lands, and running (first) south 75 degrees west, along said road, 25 perches to a corner; (second) north 16 degrees 15 minut s east 20 2-3 perches to a stake; (third) north 68 degrees 45 minutes east 21 1-3 perches to a stake; (fourth) south 16 degrees 18 minutes east 5 2-3 perches to place of beginning, containing one and three-fourths of an acre of land, be the same more or less, together with all and singular the houses, woods, waters, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any way appertaining, unto them, the said Allen Corson, John M. Corson, Peter Corson, James Mickel and Thomas Peterson, and their successors in office forever, in trust that they shall erect and build, or cause to be erected and built thereon a house or place of worship for the Society in the neighborhood of Littleworth and its vicinity, being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in further trust and confidence that they shall at all times forever permit such ministers or preachers belonging to the said church, as shall be duly authorized by the General Conference of the ministers or preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, or by the Annual Conference, authorized by the said General Conference, to preach and expound God's Holy Word therein and also to permit at all times the members of the said Society being members of the Church aforesaid, to assemble at such hours and days as by them may be deemed expedient for the purpose of religious exercise. and in further trust and confidence that they shall set apart a portion of said premises for a grave yard, and permit at all times hereafter, such of the subscribers as shall have paid five dollars and upwards; toward said house and premises to bury the dead of their respective families in said burying ground, and when any one or

more of said trustees, or their successors in office, shall d.e. remove, resign, neglect his or their duty, misapply or abuse the trust hereby created and visited in him or them as trustee or trustees, then the members of the said society or congregation shall proceed to elect and appoint others to fill their place according to the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, aforesaid, passed the Twelfth day of June, 1799, for the purpose of incorporating trustees of religious societies. Provided, nevertheless, that if the said trustees or their successors have advanced or shall advance any sum or sums of money on account of said premises, and they, the said trustees or their successors be obliged to pay the said sum or sums of money out of their own private funds, then they shall be authorized to raise the said sum or sums of money by a mortgage on the said premises, or by selling the said premises, after having given six months previous public notice thereof to said society or congregation, and if the money due be not raised and such sale take place, the said trustees, or their successors after paying the debt and other expenses which are due, from the money arising from such sale so deposited shall be at the disposal of said society or congregation, to the best of their judgment, and for their use in their society or congregational capacity, but in no case shall a mortgage be given or sale made of said premises, except for the cause, and under the restrictions aforesaid, nor the house and premises appropriated to any other uses than as afore specified. And the said Elias Corson and Peter Corson doth by these presents warrant and forever defend all and singular the before mentioned and described lot or piece of land, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto them the said Allen Corson, John M. Corson, Peter Corson, James Mickel and Thomas Peterson, and their successors in office, from the claim or

claims of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Elias Corson and Abigail, his wife, and Peter Corson and Sylvia, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

	ELIAS CORSON, (L.S.)
Scaled and delivered in	ABIGAIL CORSON, (L.S.)
the presence of us,	PETER CORSON, (L.S.)
JAMES ROSS,	SYLVIA CORSON, (L.S.)
SETH YOUNG	

Be it remembered that this Twenty-second day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Cape May, Elias Corson and Abigail, his wife, and Peter Corson and Sylvia, his wife, and did severally acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the within deed as their voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein expressed, and the said Abigail Corson and Sylvia Corson being by me examined separate and apart from their said husbands, did acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the within deed as their voluntary act and deed, without any fear, threats or compulsion from their husbands. I do certify they knew the contents of the within and I am satisfied that they are the true grantors of the within deed taken and acknowledged before me.                      SETH YOUNG, Judge.

Received and recorded this deed the 28th day of December, A. D. 1831.                      JONATHAN HAND, Clk.

The following oaths were taken by each of the trustees:

I, ....., do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, .....

Sworn and subscribed before me  
the day and year above written,  
before me.      SETH YOUNG, Justice.

I, ....., do solemnly profess and swear that I do and will bear true allegiance to the government established in this State under the authority of the people. ....

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 26th day of December, 1831.  
                    SETH YOUNG, Justice.

I, ....., do solemnly promise and swear that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of a trustee for the Methodist Episcopal Church to build a Methodist meeting house on a certain lot of land deeded by Elias Corson and Peter Corson, for the purpose of building a Methodist meeting house thereon, according to the best of my ability and understanding. ....

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 26th of December, 1831.  
                    SETH YOUNG, Justice.

Soon after the purchase of the ground the church was built and was an appointment on the Cape May Circuit.

In 1832 William Foulk and Nathaniel Chew were appointed to the Circuit. They were followed in 1833 by John Henry and Joseph Ashbrook.

In 1834 Edward Stout and George Raybold were stationed on the Circuit, and in 1835 William Williams and J. W. McDougal were appointed as preachers on

this charge.

In 1836 J. J. Sleeper and Thomas G. Stewart were appointed to the Circuit, and were re-appointed the following year. They were followed in 1838 by J. F. Crouch.

In 1839, with the exception of Bridgeton and a portion of the territory west of Cohansey, the Cumberland Circuit covered the whole of Cumberland and part of Cape May counties. On its northwest boundary lay Salem Circuit. Methodism had been early introduced, and long established through this region, and was then as now, the controlling form of religion in most of its territory.

In this year the Circuit was divided and the portion including Tuckahoe, Head of the River, Marshallville, Hawkinsville, Petersburg, Beasleys Point, and later, Seville, was known as the Atlantic Circuit.

In 1839 Joseph Atwood was appointed to this Circuit, his salary being \$256, with \$30 allowed for wood and table expenses.

Quarterly Conference voted that this Circuit should pay one-fourth part of the arrears of the Cape May Circuit for the past year, and unanimously elected Thomas VanGilder recording steward.

In 1840 David Duffel was appointed preacher in charge, and was returned to the Circuit the following year.

In 1841 Quarterly Conference chose Thomas VanGilder as a delegate to the Salem camp meeting, and it was voted to have "woods meeting" near Littleworth. It was also agreed to raise \$65 for table expenses of the pastor, firewood, etc. It was decided to buy or build a parsonage at or near Williamsburg, the money to be raised by subscription.

In 1842 William A. Brooks was appointed pastor of

this charge at a salary of \$207, with \$30 allowed for table expenses.

At the first Quarterly Conference held that year it was voted to hold a camp meeting near Littleworth, commencing August 1st, and that there be a boarding tent, under the direction of the class leaders. The committee of arrangements were: Richard Weatherby, Enoch Ingersoll, Andrew Smith, John M. Corson, John Stille, David Gandy, Samuel Parker, Emery D. Sise, Thomas Russell, Joseph J. Mickel, Thomas VanGilder and Allen Corson, Esq.

In 1843 Abraham Gearhart was appointed pastor, and was returned the two succeeding years.

In 1843 the trustees reported the debt on the parsonage to be about \$225, and it was voted that subscriptions to liquidate this indebtedness should be received by John Stille and Thomas VanGilder. The pastor's salary was made \$216, and the following year was increased to \$224. In 1845 Littleworth's apportionment was \$60.

In 1846 James White was appointed to the Circuit, at a salary of \$366.

Thomas Christopher was in 1848 appointed pastor of the circuit, and was re-appointed the following year, with John W. Seran as assistant.

In 1848 the pastor's salary was made \$369; later it was made \$340 and horse's expenses, making it \$380 in all.

John I. Corson was this year licensed by the Quarterly Conference as a local preacher. Thomas VanGilder resigned as recording steward and John I. Corson was appointed in his stead and held the office until September 15, 1849, when he resigned. The parsonage was sold for \$300.

in 1850 and 1851 W. C. Nelson was pastor. He was

followed in 1852 by William V. Darrow, who served two years at a salary of \$400. His labors while on the charge were blessed in the conversion of more than one hundred souls.

As the congregation increased the capacity of the building was taxed until a more commodious building was necessary. In 1854 the old building was sold to Peter Corson and removed from the grounds and the present building was erected at a cos. of \$3,200, Peter Corson being the contractor.

James H. Primrose became the pastor in 1854 and was returned to the charge in 1855 and died in March of that year. He was succeeded by Hamilton S. Norris, who was returned the following year.

In 1857 J. F. Morrell was appointed preacuer in charge, and the following year C. W. Heisley became pastor, with Matthias H. Shimp as assistant.

In 1859 Samuel Ashmead was appointed to supply the circuit.

In 1860 Levi J. Rhoads became the pastor, and was returned the following year.

H. B. Beegle was appointed to the charge in 1862 and was returned in 1863, with Joseph Lanning Roe as assistant. The pastors salary was \$650, and the assistant's, \$250, Petersburg's quota being \$204.84.

In 1864 William Osborn was appointed preacher in charge, at a salary of \$650, with John Bunyan Westcott as assistant, at a salary of \$238.

In 1865 William B. Osborn was returned to the circuit, and William E. Greenbank was appointed as assistant.

E. H. Durell was appointed pastor of the charge in 1866.

In 1867 the circuit was again divided, and since that time the appointments have been as they now are---



Petersburg, Seaville and Beasley Point. The new circuit was known as the Petersburg Circuit until 1893, when the name was changed to Seaville Circuit.

In 1867 Israel T. Woolson was appointed to supply the charge, and at the second Quarterly Conference, held May 17th, it was voted that his salary should be \$425, with house rent and moving expenses, Petersburg's share being \$215. At the fourth Quarterly Conference, held the following February, the board of stewards voted unanimously in favor of retaining Mr. Woolson for another year, but when Conference convened, Edwin Waters was appointed to the charge. The pastor's salary was then raised to \$600, Petersburg's share being \$348.54.

On February 27th, 1869, J. J. Mickel was appointed to confer with the Presiding Elder with regard to the appointment of a pastor, and Conference appointed Caleb Malsbury to the circuit. During his pastorate three members were added to the church.

At the Quarterly Conference held in April, 1869, the pastor's salary was fixed at \$650, Petersburg's apportionment being \$338.31.

In 1870 Mr. Malsbury was returned to the charge. Petersburg's quota for salary was \$344.

In 1871 John Bunyan Westcott was appointed preacher in charge.

In 1872 Asbury Church was added to this circuit and Ezra B. Lake was appointed to the charge, at a salary of \$800, of which Petersburg paid \$284.23.

S. Wesley Lake was appointed pastor in 1873 and served three years, Asbury Church being dropped from the circuit, at a salary of \$700, of which Petersburg's share was \$267.32. Nineteen members joined the church during his pastorate.

Daniel B. Harris entered upon a three years' pastor-

ate in 1876, in which thirty-three members were received into the church.

In 1879 Conference appointed I. N. Wilson to supply the charge. The church gained four members this year.

James Vansant became pastor of the charge in 1880 and was returned the next year. Twenty-one members were added to the church during his pastorate.

E. R. Brunyate became pastor in 1882 and served three years. He was followed by C. W. Livezley, who served three years.

In 1888 L. A. Bearmore was appointed preachr in charge, and remained two years.

In 1889 the apportionment of each church for pastor's salary was made equal---\$233.33, and rent of parsonage.

In 1890 John Allen, Jr., became pastor and served for three years, during which time twenty-one members were received into full connection with the church.

Joseph Sandford Moore was appointed to the circuit in 1893, and four members were added to the church.

Robert M. Waples in 1894 became pastor and served five years, during which time twenty-six members were received.

James Eckersley was appointed pastor in 1899, and served three years. Six members were received during this time. He was followed by James O. R. Corliss, during whose three years pastorate seven members were received.

D. Everett VanDright was in 1905 appointed to the charge, and was returned the following year, and seven were added to the church during this time.

Robert N. Aspinwall, Jr., became the pastor tn 1907. He served two years and was succeeded by Charles H. DuBois, who was appointed to supply the charge in 1909, and was returned the following year.

In 1911 the present pastor, Rev. William H. Luther, was appointed to the charge and was returned the following year, at a salary of \$700. He was again returned in 1913, and his salary was increased to \$750, Petersburg's share being \$266.66. During his pastorate eleven have been received into full membership.

## Members of Official Board of Wesley M.E. Church

The following are those who have been, so far as the available church records show, members of the Official Board of the church. Those marked \* are at present members of the Board.

### TRUSTEES

Allen Corson, Esq.  
John M. Corson  
Peter Corson  
James Mickel  
Thomas Peterson  
Champion Corson  
Joseph E. Corson  
Thomas VanGilder  
Isaac VanGilder  
Franklin VanGilder  
William Simpson  
Charles Lloyd  
Somers Corson  
Allen H. Corson  
\*Cornelius Smith

\*Washington VanGilder  
Leaming Creamer  
Ebenezer Brown  
\*Edgar Voss  
H. P. Mickel  
James Vansant  
Charles Madara  
\*James S. Smith  
\*Franklin V. Gandy  
Alfred Sapp  
\*Somers Sack  
\*Frederick S. Carter  
Frederick Williams  
\*Albert F. Clark  
\*Charles Caldwell

## STEWARDS

Thomas VanGilder	Harrison J. Corson
John I. Corson	*Leslie A. Corson
Richard Weatherby	William Simpson
Joseph J. Mickel	Somers Sack
Richard T. Corson	Franklin V. Gandy
James Homan	Rodney VanGilder
Somers Corson	*James S. Smith
Allen Corson	William Westcott
Leaming Stephenson	*Robert C. Smith
Hollis P. Mickel	*H. Stanley Craig

## LOCAL PREACHERS

John I. Corson	Thomas Stephenson
David Gandy	

## EXHORTERS

John I. Corson	Joseph J. Mickel
David Gandy	*Hollis P. Mickel

## CLASS LEADERS

John M. Corson	Richard T. Corson
Joseph Corson, 2d	Joseph J. Mickel
David Gandy	*Frederick S. Carter

## Members of Wesley M. E. Church

The earliest membership record in existence is dated 1862. Names marked \* were transferred from earlier records. Those marked † are persons known to have been members.

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Archer, Mary, . . . .	11-9-'73	Removed
Babcock, Matilda, .	*	Removed
Bailey, Electa, . . .	*	Removed
Lois, . . . . .	6-20-'80	Removed
Blake, Caroline J, .	11-12-'11	
Elizabeth C., .	11-12-'11	
Boon, Elizabeth, . .	†	Deceased
Martha, . . . .	†	Deceased
William, . . . .	†	Deceased
Brown, Ebenezer, .	11-15-'68	Deceased
James W., . . .	11-4-'76	Deceased
Martha T., . . .	8-16-'91	
Martha V., . . .	*	Deceased
Burk, Emma, . . . .		m Richard Voss
Butler, Ella, . . . .		
Frederick, . . .	9-1-'95	Deceased
Buzby, Elmer, . . .	*	Deceased
Sarah, . . . . .	*	Deceased
Caldwell, Bertha H.	8-17-'02	
Charles, . . . .		
Emma, . . . . .	8-17-'02	Removed
Hollis A., . . .	11-17-'12	Removed
James, . . . . .	8-16-'91	Removed
Leonard, . . . .	8-16-'91	
George W., . . .	7-8-'06	
Mabel, . . . . .	11-17-'12	

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Caldwell, Martha, .	10-1-'76	
" Pearl L., . .	7-3-'04	
" Virgil A., . . .	8-17-'02	
Carter, Bertha M.,	3-9-'02	
" Ethel M., . . .	7-8-'06	
" Frederick S.,	3-9-'02	
Camp, Annie E., .	10-1-'76	Removed. m Uriah Hess
" Hezekiah . . .	10-1-'76	Withdrawn
" Jacob, . . . . .	9-6-'69	Removed
" Mary, . . . . .	*	Deceased
" Naomi, . . . .	6-20-'80	Dropped
" Sarah, . . . . .	6-20-'80	Dropped
Clark, Albert F., .	1-5-'13	
" Bertha, . . . .	1-5-'13	
Collins, Olive, . . .	7-8-'06	
" Rita, . . . . .	7-8-'06	
Compton, Louisa, .	†	Deceased
Corson, Abigail, . .	Original	Deceased
" Allen, . . . . .	†	Deceased
" Allen H., . . .	10-1-'76	Deceased
" Allie B., . . .	8-16-'91	Removed. m Benj. Taylor
" Amelia, . . . .	†	Deceased
" Amisa, . . . . .	*	Dropped
" Ann Eliza, . . .	*	Deceased
" Augustus, . . .	*	Deceased
" Caroline, . . .	*	Withdrawn
" Cornelia, . . .	*	Joined Baptist Church
" Cornelia, . . .	3-6-'76	Removed
" Champion . . .	*	Deceased
" Cynthia F., . .	9- . .-'74	Removed
" David, . . . . .	*	Withdrawn
" Elizabeth, . . .	*	Deceased
" Emley, . . . .	*	Deceased

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Corson, Estella, ..	10-1-'76	Withdrawn
" Esther V.,...	10-1-'76	
" Emma Y.,...	10-1-'76	Deceased
" Ellis, .....	†	Deceased
" Enos, .....	†	Deceased
" Eliza, .....	Original	Removed
" Elias.....	Original	Deceased
" Ezra, .....	*	Deceased
" Fidelia .....	3-..-'74	Removed
" Geo. Walter,	*	Removed
" Gertrude B.,	9-..-'74	Removed
" German, ...	*	Joined Baptist Church
" Hannah .....	*	Deceased
" Harrison J.,	8-16-'91	Deceased
" Hezekiah, ..	*	Dropped
" Hezekiah W.	*	Deceased
" James W.,...	9-30-'94	Removed
" John I., ....	†	Removed
" John M., ...	Original	Removed
" John C., ...	*	Removed
" Joseph C.,...	*	Removed
" Joseph E.,...	3-6-'76	Removed
" Judith E., ..	9-10-76	Removed. m Thos. R. Westcott
" Kimsey, ....	9-6-'69	Removed
" Lettice M.,..	'65	Removed
" Lewis C., ...		
" Lina, .....	8-20-'76	Removed
" Leslie A., ..	8-16-'91	
" Louisa, ....	6-20-'80	
" Lydia, .....	†	Deceased
" Lydia, .....	9-..-'74	Removed. m Oliver Mc- Donald

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Corson, Lydia B.,	7-24-'92	
" Lydia M. . . .	*	Deceased
" Maria, . . . .	†	Deceased
" Martha H. . .	*	Removed
" Mary, . . . . .	*	Deceased
" Mary, . . . . .	*	Deceased
" Mary, . . . . .	*	Deceased
" Mary, . . . . .	10-1-'93	Deceased
" Mary A. . . . .	*	Removed
" Mary B. . . . .	*	Deceased
" Pennington, '65		Removed
" Peter, . . . . .		Deceased
" Peter S., . . .	†	Deceased
" Rebecca Ann	Original	Deceased
" Sallie H., . .	9-.--'74	
" Sallie W., . .	10-27-'78	
" Sarah E., . .	Original	Deceased
" Sarah H., . .	Original	Deceased
" Stillwell, . . .	*	Removed
" Sylvia, . . . .	Original	Deceased
" Rachel, . . . .	*	Deceased
" Richard T., .	*	Deceased
" Roselma, . . .	3-.--'02	Deceased, in George W. Eldridge
" Roxanna, . .	*	Deceased. in Joseph J. Mickel
" Thompson, . .	8-20-'76	Removed
" Victoria, . . .	3-6-'76	
" Walter H., . .	1-27-'95	Deceased
Craig, H. Stanley,	9-25-'04	
Crandoll, Fred'k.,	†	Deceased
Creamer, Anna M.,	'65	
" Charles, . . . .		Deceased



NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Creamer, Cornelia,	9-1-'95	Deceased. m Leroy Van-Gilder
" Frederick, ..	10-1-'76	Deceased
" Hannah, ...		m Franklin V. Gandy
" Leaming, ..	8-16-'91	Removed
" Mary H., ...		
" Randolph, ...	8-16-'91	
" Rebecca, ...	*	Deceased
" Rebecca, ...	8-30-'94	Removed. m Hele Gandy
" Victoria, ...	3-4-'80	Removed. m Aaron Nickerson
Douglass, Alexan'r	6-20-'80	Removed
" Effie, .....	6-20-'80	Removed
" Annabel, ...	6-20-'80	Removed
Eisenhart, John, ...	†	Deceased
" Letitia, .....	†	Deceased
Eldridge, Alice, ..	7-8-'06	*
" Cora, .....	1-10-'92	Removed, m Geo. Sack
" Edna, .....	2-17-'97	Removed. m Milton Whitecar
" George W., ..	11-..-'85	
" Laura, .....	7-8-'06	
" Maggie, .....	2-17-'97	
" Murella, ....	11-..-'85	Removed. m John Saul
" Permelia, ...	9-1-'95	Deceased
" Stillwell, ...	*	Removed
" William S., ..	10-1-'76	
Elliott, Sylvia, ....	*	Removed
" Somers, ....	9-1-'95	Removed
Entrikin, Emeline,	3-..-'56	Removed
" Frank S., ..		Removed
" Henry P., ..		Removed
" Lewis T., ..		Removed

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
French, Rebecca A.	Original	Deceased
Gandy, Anna C.,	11-17-'12	
" Anthony, ..	9-1-'95	Removed
" Carrie, .....	8-13-'93	Removed. m Alfred Sharp
" David, .....	*	Deceased
" Elizabeth...	7-8-'06	
" Emeline, ...	6-28-'03	
" Eva, .....	8-..-'89	Removed. m Levi Price
" Franklin V.,	8-16-'91	
" John W., ..	'65	Dropped
" John W., ..	10-1-'76	
" Maria, .....	*	Deceased
" Oliver M.,...	11-17-'78	
" Somers C., ..	6-28-'03	Deceased
" Theresa, ..	6-28-'03	
Garretson, Sarah,.	†	Deceased
Gifford, Lydia,...	*	Removed
" Mary W., ..	*	Removed
" Sarah B., ..	*	Removed
Godfrey, Amy,...	*	Deceased
" Charles S., ..	†	Deceased
" Eliza, .....	†	Deceased
" Elmina, ....	11-2-'79	Deceased
" Enoch T.,...	*	Deceased
" Fleta, .....	10-1-'76	Removed. m N. Lafferty
" Gilbert, ....	11-2-'79	Deceased
" George, ....	*	Removed
" Jesse, .....	†	Deceased
" John, .....	Original	Deceased
" Letitia, ....	*	Deceased
" Peter, .....	*	Deceased
" Phoebe, ....	Original	Deceased
" Selinda, ....	*	Deceased

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Green, Hannah A.,	'64	Dropped
“ Jesse, . . . . .	*	Deceased
“ Lois, . . . . .	'65	
“ Lois, . . . . .	6-20-'80	Removed. m Frank Bailey
“ Mary Ann . .	*	Deceased. m Rev. James Vansant.
Hess, Allie E., . .	9-.-.'74	Withdrawn. m Washing- ton VanGilder
“ Charles, . . . .	'74	Removed
“ Elizabeth, . .	*	Deceased. m Albert V. Simpson
“ Elizabeth, . .	*	Deceased
“ Hannah, . . .	*	Deceased
“ James, . . . .	*	Deceased
“ Mary, . . . . .	11-9-'73	Removed
“ Tolitha, . . . .	†	Deceased
“ William, . . .	†	Deceased
Hewitt, Edmund S.	5-17-'66	Removed
“ Edwin, . . . .	9-30-'77	Removed
“ Lizzie, . . . .	11-.-.'85	Removed
Hillman, Elmina, .	7-10-'81	Removed
“ Samuel S., . .	7-10-'81	Removed
Hoff, Anna M., . .	'64	m Charles Creamer
“ Angus, . . . .	3-4-'77	Removed
“ Hannah, . . .	6-9-'96	Deceased
“ Julia, . . . . .	*	
“ Martha, . . . .	10-1-'76	m Charles Caldwell
“ Mary S., . . .	9-10-'04	
“ Thomas, . . .	11-4-'76	Withdrawn
Hoffman, Amelia, .	11-2-'02	Removed
“ Lilburn, . . . .	11-2-'02	Removed
Holmes, Mary A.,	*	
Homan, Elvin B.,	*	Removed

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Homan, James,...	2-3-'67	Deceased
" Rebecca, ...	*	Deceased
" Sarah,.....	12-10-'76	Deceased
" Seth,.....	12-10-'76	Deceased
Ingersoll, Mary,..	'09	Removed
Jarman, Ellen, ...	*	Deceased
" Richard, ...	*	Deceased
" Samuel B., .	*	Deceased
Leach, Thomas, ..	1-5-13	
Lippincott, Rebec'a	†	Deceased
Lloyd, Pleasant, ..		Removed
Madara, Charles E.	'85	Removed
Mason, Carrie J...	10-7-94	Removed
" Mary L.,...	9-13-'68	Removed
" Ruby L.,...	10-7-'94	Removed
" Iola, .....	3-1-'92	Removed
Matthews, Thos.,.	6-8-'13	
" Mary,.....	6-8-'13	
McDonald, Alida, .	*	Removed
Mickel, Elmer,...	†	Removed
" Hollis P.,...	*	
" Ida, .....	10-..-'81	Deceased
" James, .....	Original	Removed
" J. Leon,.....	9-13-'95	
" Joseph J.,...	*	Deceased
" John, .....	†	Removed
" Rachel, ....	Original	Removed
" Rachel E.,.	'65	m Ezekiel VanGilder
" Roxanna, ..	*	Deceased
" Sarah, .....	†	Removed
Mounce, Henry...	11-9-'73	Removed
" William, ...	11-9-'73	Deceased
Peterson, Thomas,	Original	Deceased

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Roblnson, Reuben,	*	Deceased
Rodan, Phoebe, ..	†	Deceased
Ross, Mary, .....	'65	
“ Thomas, ...	2-3-'67	Deceased
Steelman, Anthooy	3-19-'96	Removed
“ Benjamin R.	11-1-'91	
“ Elmer S., ..	11-17-'12	
“ Frank, .....	11-1-'91	
“ Hannah, ...	11-1-'91	
“ Maulief, ....	11-1-'91	Deceased
“ Melinda, ...	*	Removed
Sack, Charles, ....	9-1-'95	
“ Cornelia, ...	10-1-'76	m Jos. Sharp
“ Edward, ...	9-23-'83	Deceased
“ George L., .	9-1-'95	
“ Jacob, .....	4-15-'77	Deceased
“ Josiah, .....	'65	Deceased
“ Julia, .....	†	Deceased
“ Laura B., ...	9-1-'95	m Frank Wilson
“ Roxanna, ..	8-16-'91	Removed. m Wm. Wise
“ Somers, ....	9-1-'95	
Sapp, Lydia V., ...	8-16-'91	
Simpson, Albert, .		Dropped
“ Elizabeth, ..	*	Deceased
“ Elijah, ....	*	Deceased
“ Lydia, ....	*	Removed
“ Roxanna, ..	†	Deceased
“ Sarah, ....	*	Deceased
“ William, ..	2-3-'67	
Sharp, Maude. ..	8-16-'91	Removed
“ Paul, .....	9-1-'95	Removed
“ Sallie, .....	6-20-'80	Removed
“ Wesley S., .	6-16-'91	Removed

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Smith, Amy, . . . . .	8-16-'91	Removed
" Cornelia, . . .	3-19-'76	Deceased
" Cornelius, . .	10-7-'77	
" Eliza D., . . .	8-16-'91	
" Eliza, . . . . .	*	Removed
" Elmer, . . . . .	2-7-'64	Deceased
" Emma, . . . . .	*	Removed. m Lyb't Corson
" Frank, . . . . .	9-30-'94	Removed
" Hannah, . . .	†	Deceased
" Hannah, . . .	9-.-'74	m Benj. Steelman
" Harriet, . . . .	*	Deceased
" James S., . .	9-.-'74	
" Lettice M., . .	*	Rem'd. m Brinton Corson
" Lewis, . . . . .	†	Deceased
" Lizzie, . . . . .		
" Marcia, . . . .	11-17-'12	
" Martha, . . . .	*	Deceased
" Robert C., . .	7-16-'05	
" Theodore, . .	'65	
Stephenson, Aaron,	*	Deceased
" Adda, . . . . .	6-20-'80	m Geo. W. Hoff
" Charity, . . . .	*	
" Charles, . . . .	8-16-'91	Removed
" Hannah, . . . .	*	Removed. m Wm. Hewitt
" Hannah, . . . .	11-.-'85	Removed
" Harriet, . . . .	*	Deceased
" Leaming, . . . .	*	Removed
" Lizzie, . . . . .	11-.-'85	Deceased
" Martha, . . . .	11-.-'85	
" Ruth A., . . . .	*	Deceased
" Thomas, . . . .	11-.-'85	Deceased
" Enoch, . . . . .	*	Removed
" Ezekiel, . . . .	'65	Deceased

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Stephenson, Jacob,	*	Removed
" Hester,.....	*	Removed
Tomlin, Genevra, .		Removed
" Hugh, ..... 6-27-'80		Removed
" Julia A., ... '65		Removed
" Julia, ..... 6-20-'80		Dropped
" Julia E., ... 3-4-'74		Removed. in John Taylor
" Margarite, .. 3-4-'74		
" Robert G., . 11-24-'12		Removed
" Robert M., . 8-4-'78		Deceased
Trout, Alexander, 6-14-'03		Removed
" Laura, ..... 6-14-'03		Removed
Townsend, Rich'd, †		Deceased
" Martha, ..... †		Deceased
Towser, Enoch, .. *		Removed
VanGilder, Anna, 10-1-'76		in Somers Sack
" Bertha, ..... 9-1-'95		in Robert C. Smith
" Deborah, ... 6-20-'80		
" Eleanor,.....		
" Eliza W., .. '65		Removed
" Ellena, ..... '65		Rem'd. in Wm. Mounce
" Emma, ..... *		in John W. Gandy
" Esther, ..... 6-20-'80		in Roland Corson
" Ethel, ..... 11-4-'00		
" Hannah, ... *		
" Hattie, ..... 8-16-'91		Removed
" Irene, ..... 8-16-'91		
" Isaac, ..... 9-...-'74		Deceased
" John, ..... *		Deceased
" Leroy, ..... 9-1-'95		
" Livia, ..... *		Deceased
" Mary, ..... †		Deceased
" Mary, ..... *		Removed

NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
VanGilder, Mary, . *		Removed
" Mary A., . . . .	11-5-'79	
" Mary R., . . . .	9- . .-'74	Deceased
" Priscilla, . . . .	9- . .-'74	Removed. m Wm. H. Westcott. Re-admitted 5-20-'00
" Rodney, . . . .	3-6-'92	
" Sara, . . . . .	11-4-'00	
" Sarah A., . . . .	10-1-'76	m John Huffman.
" Sarah A., . . . . *		Removed
" Serena, . . . .	'65	Deceased
" Thomas, . . . . †		Deceased
" Wa ter, . . . .	10-1-'76	Deceased
Vansant, Rachel P.		Deceased
" Laura, . . . . .		Removed
Veal, Moses, . . . . *		Deceased
" Rachel, . . . . *		Removed
Voss, Carrie, . . . .	3-6-'92	
" Edgar, . . . . .	10-1-'76	
" Edward, . . . .	2-3-'67	Removed
" Elizabeth, . . . .	10-27-'78	Deceased
" John, . . . . .	5-27-'66	Removed
" Melora, . . . .	10-1-'76	
" Richard, . . . .	6-30-'80	Withdrawn
Ward, Ann, . . . . .	9-13-'68	Dropped
" Ann, . . . . .	6-27-'80	Dropped
" George, . . . .	9-13-'68	Dropped
" George, . . . .	11-27-'77	Deceased
" David, . . . . .	9-1-'95	
" Florence B., . . .	8-13-'93	Removed
" Nancy, . . . . .		
Westcott, Bessie Z.	5-20-'00	Removed



NAME	ADMITTED	REMARKS
Westcott, John F.	2-1-'78	Removed; re-admitted 9-9-'82; removed; re-admitted 6-9-'07; removed
" William H.,	5-20-'00	
Williams, Abigail,	*	Deceased
" David, . . . .	†	Deceased
" Flora, . . . .	10-1-'76	Removed
" Frederick, . .	6-27-'80	Withdrawn; re-admitted 8-16-'91
" Hannah, . . .	†	Deceased
" James, . . . .	9-6-'69	Deceased
" Margaret, . .	*	Removed
" Martha, . . .	*	Deceased, m E. M. Brown
" Mary, . . . .	†	Deceased
" Mary E., . . .	3-8-'74	
" Mary R., . . .	9-1-'74	Removed
" Sarah, . . . .	*	Deceased
Willits, Benj. F.,	*	Removed
" Mary J., . . .	*	Removed
Worth, Phoebe, .	12-13-'68	Deceased
Young, A. Town'd	†	Deceased
" Maggie, . . .	10-27-'78	Deceased
" Lillian F., . .	8-16-'91	Removed; m Carl Pickens
" Stephen, . . .	*	Deceased
" Stephen T., . .	11-4-'80	Deceased

## PETERSBURG M. E. SUNDAY-SCHOOL

Soon after the establishing of the church the Sunday-school was organized and sessions were held during the spring, summer and fall months. John M. Corson, Thomas VanGilder, Joseph J. Mickel, Richard T. Corson, Peter Godfrey and John Westcott held the office of superintendent for a number of years.

The first official record we find of the school is taken from the Quarterly Conference minutes of the Atlantic Circuit, as follows:

“Report of the numbers and state of the Sunday-schools on the Tuckahoe Circuit for 1840:

Wesley M. House S. S.: one superintendent; six teachers; forty-four scholars; fifty volumes in library.”

From the same source under date of 1845:

“Littleworth: Superintendents, 1; teachers, 9; scholars, 66; volumes in library, 35.”

In 1868, the Sunday-school, under the superintendency of Peter Godfrey, was reported in fair condition; 23 officers; 90 scholars; and an average attendance of 75.

Previous to this year the school had been closed during the winter months, and the Quarterly Conference passed a resolution recommending that the schools on the circuit be kept open throughout the entire year, arrangements for which were made by each school. During the winter of 1870 the school discontinued its ses-

sions, and this custom was again followed for several years.

The next record we find is dated 1873, when "The Petersburg Sunday-school, auxiliary to the Sunday-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and connected with the Quarterly Meeting Conference of the Petersburg Charge," was re-organized, and a constitution and by-laws was adopted.

The officers for that year follow:

Superintendent, Charles Henderson.

Assistant Superintendent, Augustus Corson.

Secretary, J. C. P. Smith.

Treasurer, Rachel E. Mickel.

Librarian and Assistant, Augustus Corson and Hollis P. Mickel.

Teachers, Hollis P. Mickel, James Hess, Somers Corson, Letitia Godfrey, Sarah Simpson, Rachel E. Mickel, Mary Williams, Rhoebe Rodan, Serena VanGilder and Eliza Corson.

Since that date the superintendents of the school have been:

Somers Corson, '74-9

Leaming Stephenson, '79-80

Stephen T. Young, '80-1

Leaming Stephenson, '81-92

Harrison J. Corson, '92-5

Hollis P. Mickel, '95-6

Leslie A. Corson, '96 (part)

Hollis P. Mickel, '96 (part) '97

William S. Eldridge, '97-04

Franklin V. Gandy, '04-09

Frederick S. Carter, '09-13.

# THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

## Alpha Chapter

Alpha Chapter, No. 6329, Epworth League, connected with the Wesley M. E. Church was organized in 1891, its charter bearing the date August 31. Since its organization the presiding officers have been;

Priscilla VanGilder, 1891-3; Mrs. Rachel E. VanGilder, '94; Victoria Corson, '95; Thomas Stephenson, '96 (part); Harrison J. Corson, '96 (part)-'97; Rodney VanGilder, '98-1900; Franklin V. Gandy, '01; Rodney VanGilder, '02-3; Victoria Creamer, '04; Robert C. Smith, '05-8; Mrs. Mary E. Williams, '09-12.

## Zelley Chapter

Zelley Chapter, No. 2786, Junior Epworth League was organized July 2d, 1894. Its superintendents have been:

Miss Laura Vansant, 1894-1904; Mrs. Anna M. Creamer, '05-6; Mrs. Bertha M. Carter, '07; Mrs. John F. Westcott, '08; Harry Bates, '09-11; Miss Bertha H. Caldwell, '12-13.

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1844 land situated on what is now called the State Road, from Ocean City to Tuckahoe, was purchased of Stephen Young, Esq., and soon a Baptist Church, a branch from the Seaside Church, was erected thereon, Peter Corson being the contractor.

The church was dedicated in the following winter, and for a time was in a flourishing condition, but the building of the Baptist church at Tuckahoe and deaths and removals among its members drew from its support, and it was finally abandoned in about 1875. Later the building was sold to Daniel McKeague, who removed the lumber to Tuckahoe, where he built a wheelwright shop with part, the rest being destroyed at the time of the burning of the old Tuckahoe canning factory.

Among the pastors of the church were: Revs. Fendall, Coe, Sheppard, Fogg, Quinn, Jones, Hammett and Hall.

## THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

The original school house, now used as an out-building on the property owned and occupied by Mrs. Martha Brown, formerly stood a little north of the present school building, on what is now the playground. The money for its building was raised by subscription, each subscriber purchasing a number of shares. The ground on which it stood was deeded by Ezekiel VanGilder to those who contributed toward the building of the house. Following is a copy of the deed, taken from records in the office of the County Clerk:

This Indenture, made the Twenty-third day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fourteen, between Ezekiel VanGilder, Jr., and Mary VanGilder, his wife, of the State of New Jersey and County of Cape May, of the one part and Cornelius Corson, Esq., Joseph Corson, Elias Corson, Isaac VanGilder, John VanGilder, James Mickel, Joseph Corson, Jr., Stephen Young, Esq., Alexander Young, Robert Mickel, Willits Wheaton, John Gandy, Zebulon Townsend and Richard Townsend, all of the State and County aforesaid, of the other; Witnesseth that the said Ezekiel VanGilder, Jr., and Mary VanGilder, his wife, for and in consideration of fourteen dollars to them by the said Cornelius Corson, Esq., Joseph Corson, Elias Corson, Isaac VanGilder, John VanGilder, James Mickel, Joseph Corson, Jr., Stephen Young, Esq., Alexander Young, Robert Mickel, Willits Wheaton, John Gandy, Zebulon Townsend and Richard Townsend in hand paid at and before the time of the insealing

and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof they have hereby acknowledged, and for various good and sufficient causes them thereunto moving, hath granted, bargained, sold; aliened, enseased, quit claimed, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant: bargain, sell, alien, release, enseass, quit claim, convey and confirm unto the said Cornelius Corson, Esq., Joseph Corson, Elias Corson, Isaac VanGilder, John VanGilder, James Mickel, Joseph Corson, Jr., Stephen Young, Esq., Alexander Young, Robert Mickel, Willits Wheaton, John Gandy, Zebulon Townsend and Richard Townsend, and to their heirs and assigns forever, fourteen-fifteenths of the following described tract or lot of land situate in Upper Township of Cape May County aforesaid, at the intersection of the Dennis Creek and Tuckahoe roads, then south forty-two west, nine and three-fourths perches along said Dennis Creek road to a stake; second, north eighty-four west, nine and three-fourths perches to a stake; third, north forty-two east, nine and three-fourths perches to a stake at the Tuckahoe road; fourth, south eighty-four east, nine and three-fourths perches to the beginning, containing eighty square perches, be the same more or less, together with all the houses, buildings, rights, titles, properties, privileges, advantages and appurtenances whatsoever unto the same belonging, or in any manner of way appurtenant, to have and to hold all and singular, the said privileges with the appurtenances, and to the sole and only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Cornelius Corson, Esq., Joseph Corson, Elias Corson, Isaac VanGilder, John VanGilder, James Mickel, Joseph Corson, Jr., Stephen Young, Esq., Alexander Young, Robert Mickel, Willits Wheaton, John Gandy, Zebulon Townsend and Richard Townsend, their heirs and assigns forever, and the said Ezek-

iel VanGilder, Jr., and Mary VanGilder hath agreed with and promised the said Cornelius Corson, Esq.. Joseph Corson, Elias Corson, Isaac VanGilder, John VanGilder, James Mickel, Joseph Corson, Jr., Stephen Young, Esq., Alexander Young, Robert Mickel, Willits Wheaton, John Gandy, Zebulon Townsend and Richard Townsend, their heirs and assigns, that by virtue of these presents they may at all times forever hereafter peacefully and quietly hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy every part and parcel thereof without any let, hindrance, molestation, intervention, disturbance or denial of them, the said Ezekiel VanGilder or Mary VanGilder, their heirs, executors, administrators, or any of them claiming or hereinafter to claim, In witness whereof they, the said Ezekiel VanGilder and Mary VanGilder of these presents, hath set their hands and seals the day and year above mentioned.

EZEKIEL VANGILDER, JR. [L.S.]

MARY VANGILDER, [L.S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of  
SHAMGAR HEWITT,  
SHAMGAR HEWITT, JR.

Received of the within named Cornelius Corson, Esq., Joseph Corson, Elias Corson, Isaac VanGilder, John VanGilder, James Mickel, Joseph Corson, Jr., Stephen Young, Esq., Alexander Young, Robert Mickel, Willits Wherton, John Gandy, Zebulon Townsend and Richard Town end, the sum of fourteen dollars, it being in full of the consideration money within mentioned.

Witness: EZEKIEL VANGILDER, JR.  
SHAMGAR HEWITT, JR.

At the time of the building of the new school house,



in 1871, the township purchased of Edward Voss the plot of ground on which it stands. In 1909 this building was remodeled and another room added.

Lewis Wheaton brought from up Jersey a number of maple trees which were planted along the road. The one at the school house point was set out by Isaac VanGilder, and the one at the rear of the school house by Willis Young.

Following is a partial list of those who have taught in the Petersburg school:\*

Rowland Jones, 1822-4	Miss Millicent Young†
Dr. Benezatt	Miss Sallie B. Young†
Barnabas Caffrey	George Smith
Mr. Coffin	Eli Burnell
Mr. Selden, '48-9	Walter Spicer
M. S. Whitaker, '49-50	Mr. Hewitt
Willis Young, '50-51	William Clemens
Miss Phoebe Young, '51-2	Mr. Stephenson
Cornelius Cerson, '52-3	Martha Smith†
John Stites, '53-4	Stephen T. Young
Hester Tomlin, '54-5	Miss Emma Grace
Charles Brooks, '55-6	Henry W. Hand, '71-5
Joel Sayre, '56-7	David Vannaman, '75-7
Geo. S. Wadsworth, '59-60	Vincent O. Miller, '75-7
Ephraim A. Perkins,	Elijah Miller, '78-9
Miss Anna Moore	Miss Elizabeth French
Mr. Litchfield	Reuben S. Robinson
John Cole	H. F. Parker
Mrs. Mary Blake	James E. Hayes

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\*Data given by Hollis P. Mickel, Stephen T. Young, Mrs. Sarah Homan, Mrs. J. W. Gandy, Mrs. Wm. H. Westcott, Miss Ellen Young, Miss Millicent Young and Miss Sara VanGilder. †Pay school.

George A. Blake	Miss Mary Gandy
Miss Alice Townsend	Miss Selma Hampton§
Robert F. Lewis	Rev. C. H. DuBois
Llewelyn Hildreth	Rev. A. C. Apgar
Jamer Jefferson	Miss Sara S. VanGilder
Lilburn Hoffman	Miss Maude Foulds§
Rodney VanGilder	Miss Rebecca Creamer§
Miss Mary Meerwald	Miss Margaret Meerwald§
Miss Anna Mungle	Miss Verna Mouer

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§Primary Department.

## THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR\*

On May 10th, 1775, Congress met in Philadelphia and voted that 20,000 men should take the field. The second New Jersey Provincial Convention met and directed that one or more companies of eighty men should be formed in each township or corporation.†

On August 5th Congress again assembled and directed that fifty-four companies of sixty-four minutemen each should be organized. The counties of Cape May and Cumberland were to have independent light infantry and rangers. On August 16th Cape May County's quota was raised to one battalion and one company of minutemen.

At the county election on September 21st, the following officers were elected by the people for the Cape May Battalion:

John Mackey, Colonel

Eli Eldridge, Major

Thomas Leaming, Jr., Adjutant.

On April 16, 1777, the members of the Second Company of the Cape May Battalion, which consisted mostly of men who lived in the upper section of the county, met and chose their officers. The certificate signed by the members of the company reads as follows:

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\*Data from Stevens' History of Cape May County, except as noted. †Ridpath.

"These are to certifie that on the 16th day of April, 1777, the 2d Company of ye Cape May Battalion of Militia in the State of New Jersey being met, did nominate, choose and appoint James Willits, Junr., Captain; David Edwards, First and Joseph Wheaton Second Lieutenants; Henry Young, Ensign. In witness whereof the majority of the company have hereunto set their hands.

Moses Griffing	Darius Corson
Abel Lee	James Godfrey
Levi Corson	Abraham VanGilder
John Golden	David Corson
Daniel Skull	Rem Corson
Parmenas Corson	Jesse Corson
John Cone	Cornelius Corson
Samuel Insell	Joseph Badcock
Stephen Young	Thomas Scott
Amos Willits	Uriah Young
Jacob Corson	Japet Hand
Jeremiah VanGilder	Isaac VanGilder."

Additional members of the company were: John Corson and Nicholas Corson.

Commissions dated April 16th, were given to the officers named. and at the same time a commission was given to Col. John Mackey, which was dated May 7th, 1777. Col. Mackey resigned March 27, 1778.

The uniform of the Cape May Minute Men was to be "hunting frocks to conform as near as may be to the uniforms of riflemen in the Continental service."

The Minute Men entered into the following agreement:

"We, the subscribers, do voluntarily enlist ourselves a minute man in the company of....., in

the County of Cape May, and do promise to hold ourselves in constant readiness, on shortest notice, to march to any place where our assistance may be required for the defence of this and any neighbor colony; and also to pay due obedience to the commands of our officers, agreeable to the rules and orders of the Continental Congress or the Provincial Congress of New Jersey, or during its recess, to the Committee of Safety.''

These men took precedence over other militia, and were entitled to be relieved at the end of four months, unless in actual service.

At the time of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, a committee was appointed to prepare a frame of government for the United States. This committee reported their work in July 1776. A month was spent in further debates, and then the question of adopting articles of union was laid over until the following spring. In April, 1777, the report was taken up and continued through the summer, and on November 15, 1777, a vote was taken in Congress and the Articles of Confederation were approved. The next step was to transmit the new frame of government to the several State legislatures for their adoption or rejection. The time thus occupied extended until June, 1778. The Articles of Confederation were signed by delegates of eight States on the 9th of July, 1778, and later in the month two others affixed their signatures. In November, the delegates of New Jersey acceded to the compact. In February, 1779, Delaware, and in March, 1791, Maryland added their signatures.\*

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\*Ridpath.

The following were among those who took the oath of allegiance to the State on May 27th, 1778:

Samuel Townsend  
Rem Corson  
Jesse Corson  
Philip Godfrey

Abner Corson  
Joshua Garretson  
Peter Corson  
James Godfrey, Jr.

## WAR OF 1812-14\*

Previous to the War of 1812-14 regular "trainings," in both land and sea service, were kept up, and the residents were ready for any emergency that might arise.

Captain George Norton's Company. Cape May Independent Regiment, a company of volunteers, many of whom enlisted from this section, was composed of four commissioned officers and ninety-one men, and did service at Town Bank, principally, and at other places along the Delaware Bay shore. The company was enrolled into service May 15, 1814: and continued in active service or in readiness therefore until February 17, 1815, when it was discharged. Following is a roster of the company:

Captain, George Norton

Lieutenant, Joshua Townsend

Ensigns, Jesse Springer, James T. Scott

First Sergeant, Ezekiel VanGilder

Corporals, Webster Souder, McBride Corson, Gideon Palmer, Jacob Nottingham

Fifer, Jonathan Hewitt

Privates:

Jacob Baner

Constantine Blackman

Joseph Bowker

John Braddock

David Camp

Amos Edwards

Jacob Eldridge

Jeremiah Ewing, Jr.

Stephen Foster

Thomas French

\*From Stevens' History of Cape May County.

Eli Camp  
Daniel Church  
Zebulon Collings  
John Conover  
Aaron Corson  
Amos Corson  
Cornelius Corson, Jr.  
Elijah Corson  
Jacob Corson  
John Corson  
Nathaniel Corson  
Ezekiel Creamer  
Anthony Cresse  
Jeremiah Dagg  
John Daniels  
Thomas Douglass  
Muldare Earnest  
Jacob Johnson  
Daniel King  
Spicer Leaming, Jr.  
Abel Lee  
Anthony Ludlam  
Norton Ludlam  
Thomas Ludlam, Jr.  
Elijah Matthews  
Enos Mulford  
James Nickerson  
Jeremiah Norton  
Samuel Oram, Jr.  
Amos Pepper  
William Peterson  
John Peterson  
Thomas Pierson  
Joseph Ridman  
Abel Scull

David Gandy  
Joshua Garretson  
John Gaskill  
Elijah Godfrey, Jr.  
John Godfrey  
Daniel Goff  
William Hackett  
Aaron Hand  
Miller Hand  
Elijah Hayes  
Job Hickey  
James Hildreth  
William Hogburn  
Jacob Hughes  
William Hughes  
Moses Hughes  
Edward James  
Jeremiah Shaw  
Smith Sloan  
John Smith  
Uriah Smith  
George Stites  
Samuel Stites  
Charles Strong  
Daniel Swain  
Samuel Taylor  
Wallace Taylor  
James Thomas  
Zebulon Townsend  
Daniel Vanneman  
Joseph Ware  
Samuel Warwick  
Jonathan Wheaton  
Joseph Wheaton  
John Yates



The First Regiment Cape May Militia was kept up until 1835. During its organization the officers from this part of the county were:

Somers Corson, Lieut. 1st Company, appointed 4-6-'16; commissioned 5-20-'16.

Cornelius Corson, Capt., 1st Company, appointed 4-20-'18; commissioned 5-20-'18.

Enos Corson, Lieut., 4th Company; appointed 3-20-'18; commissioned 4-15-'18.

Allen Corson, Lieut., 1st Company, appointed 3-19-'18; commissioned 4-15-'18.

David Corson, Lieut., 1st Company, appointed 4-20-'18; commissioned 5-20-'18.

Allen Corson, Capt., 1st Company, appointed 4-15-'22; commissioned 5-21-'22.

Seth Corson, Lieut., 1st Company, appointed 4-15-'22; commissioned 5-21-'22.

Smith VanGilder, Ensign, 1st Company, appointed 4-4-'15; commissioned 5-21-'22.

Aaron Corson, Lieut., 1st Company, appointed 5-3-'23; commissioned 5-22-'23.

Enos Corson, Lieut., 4th Company, appointed 3-27-'26; commissioned 4-11-'26.

James VanGilder, Lieut., 4th Co., appointed 3-27-'26; commissioned 4-11-'26.

Elijah Corson, Ensign, 1st Company, 2d Battalion, appointed 4-11-'17; commissioned 6-10-'17.

## THE CIVIL WAR

The Twenty-Fifth Regiment of Volunteer Infantry was organized under the provisions of an act of Congress approved July 22, 1861. Companies F, G and I were composed principally of men from Cape May County, Company G being mostly made up from the Upper Township and Tuckahoe on the Atlantic side,\* Those who enlisted from Petersburg were:†

Frederick Creamer---Died of typhoid fever at Chestnut Hill U. S. Army Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., March 2, 1863.

Reuben Creamer---Mustered out June 20, 1863.

Howard M. French---Mustered out June 20, 1863.

James Gifford---Mustered out June 20, 1863.

Hollis P. Mickel---Mustered out June 20, 1863.

Richard Jarman---Discharged February 23, 1863; wounds received in action at Fredericksburg, Va.

Charles H. Coombs---Died at Richmond, Va., January 7, 1863, of wounds received in action at Fredericksburg, Va.; prisoner of war.

The Twenty-Fifth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteer Infantry was organized at Beverly, N. J., September 18, 1862; camped at Beverly until October 10, 1862; moved to Washington, D. C., October 10-11, and served in the Second Brigade, Casey's Provisional Division, Reserve Corps, defenses of Washington until December, 1862; First Brigade, Third Division, Ninth

\*Stevens, †Stryker.

Corps, Right Grand Division, Army of the Potomac, until January, 1863; Third Brigade, Third Corps, Army of the Potomac and department of Virginia until May, 1863; First Brigade, Third Division Seventh Corps, Department of Virginia until June, 1863.\*

Service: Camped in Washington, D. C., and at Fairfax Seminary, Va., October 11 to December 1, 1862; marched to Uniontown, December 1; to Port Tobacco, December 2-4, and to Liverpool Point, Potomac River, December 5-6; crossed to Aquia Creek, December 8; moved to Falmouth, December 10; battle of Fredericksburg, December 11-15; crossed the Rappahannock River, December 11; guard and patrol duty in Fredericksburg until sunset, December 13; advanced against Fredericksburg Heights, December 13; duty in Fredericksburg, December 14-15; moved to the front to support pickets, December 15; re-crossed the Rappahannock, December 15; remained in Camp near Falmouth until February 6, 1863; Mud March, January 20-23; moved to Aquia Creek, February 6; thence to Fortress Monroe, February 8-10; duty at Newport News, February 10 to March 13; and at Suffolk, March 13-16; camped near Fort Jericho, Jericho Creek, guarding communications with Portsmouth, March 16 to April 11; operations during siege of Suffolk, April 11 to May 4; duty on line of defenses between Fort Jericho and Fort Halleck, from April 12 to May 2; supported batteries during engagement on Nansemona River, April 14; detached on fatigue duty during action on Edenton Road, April 24; engagement at Providence Church and Reed's Ferry Roads, May 3; duty near Battery Stevens, May 7-11; fatigue duty at Fort New Jersey, near Norfolk,

\* Extract from service of William Carter.

May 13 to June 4; moved by way of Portsmouth, Va., to Beverly. N. J., June 4-8; mustered out. June 20, 1863.\*

Company A, Third New Jersey Cavalry was mustered in at Camp Bayard, Trehton. A number from Cape May County enlisted in this company, most of whom had served in the Twenty-Fifth N. J. V. I.

Edgar Voss was a member of this Company; he was discharged at Armory Square U. S. General Hospital, at Washington, D. C., May 3, 1865.†

This regiment left the State April 5, 1864, marching overland to Annapolis, Md., where it remained a short time, and proceeded to Alexandria, Va., and joined the Army of the Potomac. This regiment was first attached to the Ninth Army Corps; then to the Third Brigade, First Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac. It took part in the following engagements, all in Virginia.‡

United States Ford, May 19, 1864; Ashland Station, June 1; North Anna River, June 2; Haines' Shop, June 3; Bottoms' Bridge, June 4; White Oak Swamp, June 13; Smith's Store, June 15; before Petersburg, July 25; Lee's Mills, July 27; Winchester, August 17; Summit Point, August 21; Winchester, August 24; Kearneysville. August 25-26; Berryville Turnpike, September 13; Opequan, September 19; Front Royal, September 21-22; Fisher's Hill. September 22; Waynesboro, September 28; Bridgewater, October 2; Tom's Brook, October 9; Cnpp's Mills, October 13; Cedar Creek, October 19; Back Road (near Cedar Creek), November 12; Mount Jackson, November 22; Lacey's Spring, December 21;

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\*Service of William Carter. †Stryker. ‡Stevens.

Morefield, February 22, 1865; Waynesboro, March 2; Dinwiddie Court House, March 31; Five Forks, April 1; capture of Petersburg, April 2; Deep Creek, April 3; Sailor's Creek, April 7; Appomattox Station, April 8; Appomattox Court House (Lee's surrender), April 9; mustered out, August 1, 1865.\*

\*Stevens.

## THE HIGHWAYS

### The Road Over the Toll Bridge\*

"Notice of a petition to be presented to the Assembly for a law to enable the surveyors to lay a public highway, two rods wide, free from toll, over the toll bridge and causeway at Fast Landing, on Cedar Swamp Creek, in the Upper Precinct of Cape May, and to locate convenient roads therefrom, and for Joseph Corson, Isaac Baner, Jno. Mackey and James Willits and their associates to give their whole expense incurred in making the said bridge and causeway to the said Precinct for the use of said bridge and causeway.

### Tuckahoe and Beasleys Point Road

The road from Beasleys Point to Tuckahoe was laid out in 1820. The following description is taken from the Cape May County records:

Beginning at Seaside road near Joshua Garretson's; from thence south, 66.30 west, 611 perches, through timber land of Jacob Willits, Uriah Young, Ezra Young, and by Stephen Young's house to stake; then south, 82 west, 32 perches to stake: then south 76.45 west, 56 perches to white oak tree marked for corner; then north, 79 west, 61 perches to stake: then north, 75.15 west,

\*Extract from New York Gazette and Weekly Post Boy, Sept 11, 1769.

218 perches to stone; then north, 71 west, 27 perches to the old bridge that leads over Cedar Swamp Creek near Stephen Young, Esq.'s; then over bridge and crossway, south, 85 west, 105 perches to stake; then south, 81 west, 70 perches to end of crossway; then north, 68.15 west 444 perches to stake, through land of Joseph Corson; then north, 28 west, 215 perches along the old road to a stake, then north, 19 west, 337 perches till it intersects the Dennis Creek road; and thence north, 18.20 east, 104 perches to the draw bridge over Tuckeehoo river.

Dated at the house of Thomas Beasley this 24th day of February, the year of our Lord 1820.

Part of the course of this road was changed in 1857, and again in 1909, when it was widened and made a State road.

### Road From the Upper to the Lower Bridge\*

On application of Joseph Corson, Peter Corson, Joseph Corson, Jr., Stephen Young, Jr., and others, the surveyors of the highways met on November 17, 1818, at the house of Joseph Corson and having viewed the premises and heard what could be said for or against, adjudge the said road applied for necessary and laid out the road as follows: to be 40 feet wide and begin at a stake near the house of Joseph Corson, Esq., on the southwest side of the public road that leads from Great Egg Harbor to the Toll Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek, and thence running south, 14.15 west, 259 perches to stake in line of Alexander Young and John Stites; thence south, 28.45 west, 111 perches to east side of public road that leads from Amos Corson's over

\*County Records.

the New Bridge, at the turn of the road by the house of Stephen Young now occupied by John French, which said line of course marked in centre of said road now laid out which we have marked at proper distances on the line of same, and which said road runs over lands of Joseph Corson, Esq., Stephen Young, Ellis Corson, Alexander Young, John Stites and Thomas Beasley, and we do hereby fix the first day of August ensuing as the time when the overseers of the highways of the Upper Township shall open same for public use.¶

JACOB FOSTER,  
THOS. P. HUGHES,  
SWAIN TOWNSEND,  
JAMES TOWNSEND.

### \*Road From Dennisville to Petersburg

Whereas, the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cape May did in the term of May last appoint surveyors of the highway to lay out a road from Dennis Creek to Littleworth, and agreeable to the aforesaid we the subscribers, met and proceeded accordingly, viz: Beginning in the road that leads from said Dennis to Jonas Hofman's, at the angle between where Israel Stites lives and David Johnson's and thence north, 66 east, 400 perches; north, 70 east, 132 perches; north, 46 east, 45 perches to burnt causeway: north, 65 east: 43 perches: north 14 east. 275 perches to the Long Bridge road; north. 40 east, 202 perches; north 24 east, 142 perches; north 40 east, 101 perches; north 71 east, 67 perches to Riggs' Bridge; north, 72 east, 59 perches; north, 61 east, 232 perches; north, 74 east, 195 perches;

\*County Records.



north, 40.30 east, 216 perches to the road that leads from the toll bridge to Tuckahoe.

N. B.---The aforesaid road is laid out two rods wide to the southeast side of said line and the same is to be opened and closed fit for publick use the first day of December next, as witness the hands this 21st day of June, 1798.

PHILIP CRESSE,  
ROBERT PARSONS,  
JACOB GODFREY,  
JESSE HAND,  
SPICER LEAMING.  
HUGH HATHORN.

### Road From Seaville to Tuckahoe\*

Whereas, the surveyors of the highways of Cape May by virtue of an order of the Court in May term, 1794, according to an act of the assembly at Trenton, November 29, 1792, on petition of David Corson, James Townsend and more than ten other inhabitants of Upper Precinct, setting forth that a public road is necessary to be laid from the main road between the house of Parmenas Corson, Esq., and Mr. Job Young, accordingly we begun in the line of said Corson and Young where it crosses the public highway, running thence north, 15d west, 34 perches; north, 9d west, 20 perches; north 10d east, 20 perches; north, 5d east, 36 perches; north, 14d west, 56 perches; north 31d west, 30 perches; north, 5d east, 22 perches, north 31d east, 40 perches; north, 22d east, 22 perches; north, 9d east, 36 perches; north, 1d east, 44 perches; north, 7d east, 30 perches; north, 20d west, 54 perches; north, 96 perches; north, 2d west, 72

\*County Records.

perches; north, 3d west, 18 perches; north 28 perches; north, 18d west, 26 perches; north: 3d east, 75 perches to house of Enoch Young; north 52d west, 8 perches; north, 57d west, 48 perches, over the Cedar Swamp Creek; north, 47d west, 15 perches; <sup>E</sup> north, 70d west, 152 perches on a line between John VanGilder and Mickel; then north, 43d west, 972 perches to a black ork tree near Joseph Wheaton's house; then north 87d west, 96 perches; then north, 12d west, over Willits' mill dam to the county line, which road is laid out 40 feet wide, and further direct and appoint that the said road be opened and ready for public use on or before the 1st day of December, 1801.

## MAIL SERVICE

The postoffice at Petersburg, according to data received from the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C., was established on February 8, 1849. Previous to that time, Tuckahoe was the postoffice for this vicinity, and for the accommodation of the patrons hereabouts the Petersburg mail was forwarded to the store of Stephen Young, at the Lower Bridge, by the stage which ran from Cape May via Seaville, Lower Bridge, Tuckahoe and Mays Landing to Camden. After the establishing of the railroad from Camden to Cape May in 1863-4, the trains carried the Petersburg mail to Mount Pleasant station, from where they were carried by stage until in 1903 the Atlantic City Railroad secured the contract to carry the mails on its line.

Peter Corson was the first postmaster, appointed in 1849, at which time the name of the village was changed from Littleworth to Petersburg. He was followed in office in 1853 by Stephen Young, who held the office until 1856, when Peter Corson was again appointed. He was followed by Thaddeus VanGilder, who held the office until his death in 1881, when he was succeeded by his widow, Mrs. Hannah VanGilder. In 1882 William R. VanGilder was commissioned postmaster and held the office until 1885, when he was succeeded by Harrison J. Corson, who in 1887 was succeeded by Lillian F. Young, who resigned in the fall of 1908. The office was in charge of James S. Smith, assistant postmaster, until the following spring, when Mrs. Eva S. VanGilder received the appointment as postmaster.

## THE RAILROAD\*

The original survey of the railroad ran straight from Middletown to the Cedar Swamp Creek, crossing the Dennisville road about where the Killdeer Hill road branches off. Through the intercession of some of our townspeople the survey was changed to its present location.

The work of construction was commenced by the Philadelphia & Seashore Railway Company, and in 1891 tracks were laid as far south as Corson's Inlet. The following year the road was completed to Sea Isle City.

In 1892 the road was sold to the West Jersey Railroad Company, who operated it for about a year, when it was sold to the South Jersey Railroad Company, who, in 1889, sold the property to the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company.

In 1894 the Ocean City branch was constructed by Henry D. Moore, and in 1899 it was leased by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and has since been operated by the Atlantic City Railroad Company.

\*Data given by Charles Caldwell and Cornelius Smith.

## THE IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

Wendagoes Tribe, No. 91, Imp'd Order of Red Men, was instituted the 12th Sun of the Plant Moon, G. S. D., 396 (April 12th, 1887). The first meeting was held in the house now owned by John Lee; later the wigwam was moved to the loft over VanGilder's store, where meetings were held until the following summer, when the hall was built.

After a few years, members of the Tribe living at Tuckahoe withdrew and instituted a Tribe at that place, which later disbanded; and several of the members reunited with Wendagoes Tribe.

Following is a list of the charter members, taken from the records of the Tribe:

Orlando Ward	Thomas Ross
Frederick Williams	Ebenezer Brown
James Williams	James Brown
Enoch Williams	Washington VanGilder
William Ross	Leaming VanGilder
Levi Lippincott	Roland Corson
William R. VanGilder	David VanGilder
Frank Smith	Angus Hoff
Edgar Voss	Albert Corson
Richard Voss	Theophilus Corson
Peter Godfrey	

# EXTRACT FROM ASSESSOR'S DUPLICATE, 1819

Name.	Impd. Land.	Value per 100 acres.	Unimp. Land.	Value per 100 acres.	Total whereon to levy.	State Tax.
Joseph Corson, Esq.,.....	420	\$34	605	\$4	\$167.00	\$4.31
Joseph Corson, Jr.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.11
Allen Corson,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.11
Peter Corson,.....	143	32	143	4	50.48	1.21
Elias Corson,.....	111	35	135	4	44.25	1.19
James Mickel,.....	50	32	56	4	18.24	.68
Isaac VanGilder,.....	118	32	116	4	42.40	1.56
John VanGilder.....	128	32	181	4	48.20	1.61
Ezekiel VanGilder,.....	67	28	13	5	19.41	.86
Ezekiel VanGilder, Jr.,.....	79	32	113	5	30.93	.89
Stephen Young,.....	215	32	483	4	86.12	2.39

State Tax levied 2 cents on the dollar value and certainties added. County Tax agreeable to ratio of 2 to 1 of the State Tax. Poor Tax 1.86 of the County Tax. Road Tax equal to one-half of the Poor Tax

STEPHEN YOUNG, Assessor.

## PRICES OF MERCHANDISE IN 1822

Prices paid by citizens of Littleworth, as recorded in John Townsend's "Day Book:"

Molasses, per gal.,.....	\$ .50
Raisins, per lb.,.....	.12 1-2
Rum, per qt.,.....	.16
Sugar, per lb., .....	.14
Wine, per qt.....	.37 1-2
Cigars, 50,.....	.12 1-2
Wheat flour, per bbl,.....	8.00
Butter, per lb., .....	.20
Cord wood, oak, per cord,.....	2.00
Cord wood, pine, per cord,....	1.76
Nails: per lb.,.....	.10
Chocolate, per lb.,.....	.25
Tea, per lb., .....	1.25

# LANDMARKS

## The Lower Bridge

In 1762 Joseph Corson, Isaac Baner, John Mackey, James Willits and "sundry other persons" had petitioned for a toll bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek at Fast Landing and the Assembly passed a law for its building.\*

The following were the rates of toll:†

Wagon or ox cart with team and driver,	6 pence
Chaise or ox cart, passenger, horse, mare or gelding thereunto belonging, ....	4 pence
Every passenger with horse, mare or gelding, .....	2 pence
Foot, .....	1 pence
Cattle, led over, each; .....	1 pence
Sheep, led over, .....	1 Farthing

This was at first a draw bridge and was later rebuilt without a draw. Joseph Corson, who had a shipyard above the bridge, in order to get his vessels into the creek; tore away the bridge. After this had happened several times the bridge was so arranged that a middle section could be removed to admit of the passage up or down stream. In about 1845 the bridge was rebuilt without a draw.‡

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\*Stevens' History of Cape May County. †Barber & Howe's Historical Collection of New Jersey. ‡H. P. Mickel.



## The Upper Bridge

On November 21, 1788, an act was passed to build a bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek "from the lands of Job Young, on the southeast to the lands of John VanGilder on the northwest."\* This bridge, like the Lower Bridge was arranged so that a section could be removed to permit vessels to pass.†

## The Old Landing‡

Previous to the building of the meadow bank, the Cedar Swamp Creek had been open to navigation.

There was a wharf about a mile above the Upper Bridge where the schooners took on cedar "shooks;" for casks. This wharf is still standing in a sunken condition. It is located at the end of the "Old Landing road."

After taking on the shooks the schooners would run down the creek and around to Philadelphia, where they would load merchandise suitable for trade in the West Indies. When they arrived there they would exchange their merchandise for molasses, sugar, and Jamaica rum, loading it in the casks made for the purpose from the shooks which were carried south in bundles.

## The Meadow Bank

In 1816 an act of Legislature was passed authorizing the building of a bank across Cedar Swamp Creek and

\*Archives of New Jersey. †Ray Wynn. ‡Written by Ray Wynn.

the meadows, and a company known as the "Cedar Swamp Creek Meadow Company," consisting of property owners above the bank, was organized and the bank was completed the following year.

The following were the original members of the Company:

Joseph Corson	Stephen Young
Ellis Corson	John Stites
Thomas Beasley	Joseph Faulkenburge
Cornelius Corson	Aaron Shaw
John Godfrey	John VanGilder
James Mickel	Jeremiah Johnson
Elias Corson	Robert Mickel
Isaac VanGilder	Isaac VanGilder, Jr.
Ezekiel VanGilder	Nathan Baner

### Mackey's Mill

The old saw mill on the Mackey Place is supposed to have been built by Col. John Mackey sometime between the years 1740 and 1757.

This was what was known as a tide mill. The property descended from Col. Mackey to his son, John Mackey, Jr., who sold it to Seth Hand, from whom it descended to Charles Hand, from whom it was purchased in 1825 by Stephen Young, Esq. In this mill Reuben Young met his death by being crushed by a falling log. The mill was operated as late as about 1850. but only the foundations now remain.

### Smith's Mill

Smith's mill was first used as a wheelwright and paint shop by Roland Corson. In 1890 David VanGilder and

Frank Smith joined with him and installed basket-making machinery and commenced the manufacture of truck baskets. In the fall of that year the saw mill was added. James S. Smith purchased the property in 1892, and for about three years continued the manufacture of baskets, since which time it has been used as a saw mill under the management of Joseph Camp, sawyer.

### Creamer's Mill\*

Benajah Tomlin, in 1800, purchased of James Willits 119 acres of land on Riggs' Branch, where he built the dam, and, it is supposed, erected the saw mill, as, when the tract was surveyed in 1802, it was known as the "Mill Property." After adding to this tract, he in 1820, sold to his son, Isaac, one half of the property, then as now containing 297 acres.

In 1821 Benajah and William Tomlin sold the remainder of this tract to Joseph Falkinburge for \$125, and in 1822 Isaac Tomlin sold his share to Falkinburge, who at about that time rebuilt the mill and later sold it to Jacob Leaming, who in 1843 sold the property to Aaron Leaming.

In 1848 the property was purchased by Peter B. Hoff and Joseph Dorset, and in 1863 Mr. Hoff purchased of Dorset his share in the property.

The mill stood until 1874, when it was demolished and part of the timbers were used in building the barn on the Hoff place.

In this mill Jacob Creamer was sawyer for sixty years, and was followed in that capacity for a number of years by Ezekiel Stephenson.

\*Data given by Mrs. Charles Caldwell and Charles Tomlin.

## California Mills\*

In 1846 Peter Hoff built for Thomas VanGilder a saw mill on California Branch of Cedar Swamp Creek, which was run by an overshot and flutter wheel. The following year he built a grist mill adjoining the saw mill, the power being transmitted from the saw mill by a belt. Joseph Camp was first employed as sawyer at this mill and was followed in that capacity by Leaming Stephenson, and it is said the mills did a thriving business, as many as eighteen and twenty teams sometimes being seen waiting for their grist or lumber at one time.

About this time Mr. VanGilder erected three houses near the mills for the occupancy of those employed by him.

After the death of Thomas VanGilder, the property was purchased by Mrs. Hannah VanGilder and Mrs. Elzeline Steelman, and the mills were operated by them for some time.

The mills and the remaining houses were burned by a forest fire in May, 1895.

## VanGilder's Store†

VanGilder's store was established in about 1825 (the first record we have found is in the assessor's duplicate for 1827) by Thomas VanGilder, who commenced the business in a room of the old part of the house occupied by Mrs. Hannah VanGilder, which after the building of the present store building was used as a kitchen until the house was remodeled, when it was torn away.

\*Data given by Mrs. Charles Caldwell and Mrs. Hannah VanGilder. †Data given by Mrs. Hannah VanGilder.

The present store building was built in about 1845, and as the demand for space increased, was added to, both front and rear, by Thaddens VanGilder, who purchased the property about 1861, and continued the business until his death in 1881, when his widow, Mrs. Hannah VanGilder, succeeded him and remained in the business until 1905, with the exception of one year, in which her son, William R. VanGilder, was the proprietor. In 1906 the store was re-stocked by Wainwright & Sloan, who remained but a short time. In 1907 the store was again opened by Mrs. Eva VanGilder. Here from 1862 to 1885, and from 1909 to the present the postoffice was located.

### The Philadelphia Store

The building known as the Philadelphia store was built by Thadeens VanGilder, and was first occupied as a millinery store by Mrs. Priscilla Corson, and later as a grocery store by James Homan, James Brown, Cornelius Corson and Mrs. Elizabeth Hess, and has since been used for various purposes. In 1880 it was wrecked by a wind storm which blew down several other buildings, and was later rebuilt.

### The Corner Store\*

The Corner store was established by Peter Corson and Harrison Westcott. The first record is found in the assessor's duplicate for 1834, when it was assessed as the property of Peter Corson. The original store, now a part of the present building, was located where the Philadelphia store now stands, on ground which was

\*Data given by Cornelius Smith.

leased of David Williams. Corson & Westcott sold the business to Rev. Thomas Christopher, who lived in the house adjoining, and he conducted the store until his death in 1850.

Peter Corsor then became the proprietor, and here the first postoffice was located. He moved the building to the opposite side of the street, and later sold the business to a man named DuBois, who came from up the State. He was succeeded in business by Francis Entriakin, who was followed by Cornelius Corson who kept the store for about a year, being succeeded by Somers Corson. The property was purchased by members of the family of Elmer Smith, and the store stood idle for about fifteen years, when, in 1881, it was re-stocked by the present proprietor, James S. Smith, who later moved it to its present location and enlarged the building.

## RESIDENCES\*

The house owned and occupied by William Westcott was built by Levi VanGilder, who purchased the property of Peter Corson and burned the brick of which it was built on the place. The frame part was added later, it being partly an old house which belonged to Peter Corson, which stood in front of the present house, and which was moved back and raised.

Robert C. Smith's residence was formerly the M. E. church, which, when the new church was built, was purchased by Peter Corson, who remodeled it into a double house. Here, at one time, the postoffice was located while Peter Corson was postmaster. He later sold the property to Peter VanGilder, of whom the present owner purchased it.

Frank Gandy's residence was built by Richard T. Corson, after the death of whose widow it was purchased by Mr. Gandy.

The house owned by Thomas Matthews was originally a part of the old brick house on the Westcott place, which was purchased by Seth Homan and moved to its present location. After the death of Mrs. Homan the property was purchased by James S. Smith, who later sold it to Mr. Matthews.

Mrs. Schurch's house was built in 1910.

The house owned by John Westney and occupied by Josiah Watson was built by Thaddeus VanGilder.

The residence of Fred S. Carter was built on the farm

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\*Data given by Mrs. Sarah Homan, H. P. Mickel and others.

of William Westcott, about half-way down the Kildeer Hill road, probably soon after 1771 by Samuel Townsend, who in that year purchased the property of Joseph Corson. The first record of the house which we have found is that Levi VanGilder and wife began house-keeping in it in 1837, and Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, now 91 years of age, remembers it as an old house when she was a girl. It was a one-story house, and in 1855 Peter Corson moved it to its present location and added another story to it to be used as a dwelling for his wheelwright, William Hemsley, who lived in it for a time. James Homan purchased the house and ground on which it stands of Peter Corson and enlarged it by adding a room. In 1903 the present owner purchased the property and has since enlarged and improved the dwelling.

The house occupied by A. M. and H. G. Robbins was built on the site of a house which was built by George Blake of material which was taken from the old Seaside Baptist church, and which was burned. It is now the property of Mrs. Hannah VanGilder.

The house owned and occupied by John Lee was built by Peter Corson in about 1855 for a residence for his blacksmith, Lewis Dunn, who conducted a shop at the rear of the house.

The house occupied by Mrs. Lizzie Blake was built where John Westney's house now stands, by David Williams, and was moved to its present location by its builder, at whose death it became the property of his daughter, Mrs. Peter Godfrey, who lived in it until her death, when it was inherited by her daughter, Mrs. Mleta Lafferty.

The house owned by Tony Gannone was originally a part of a house built by Isaac VanGilder, which stood on the property owned by Mrs. Mary Mason, and was



moved to its present location by William Hess who purchased the property.

The house owned and occupied by Benjamin Steelman was built by Peter Hoff for Enoch T. Godfrey in about 1864, and later a store was built and the old house adjoining, belonging to John VanGilder was purchased and torn away. Mr. Godfrey conducted a general store for a time and sold the property to Charles Hess, who continued the store business for some time. The store was destroyed by fire in 1875. The present owner purchased the property of Charles Hess.

The house occupied by Walter Freestone was built by Milton and Francis Hess for their mother. It is now the property of Washington VanGilder.

The house owned by Fred Williams was built by Washington Young, who sold it to its present owner.

Mrs. Martha Brown's residence was built by Willis Young.

The house occupied by Clarence Sack was built by Isaac Williams. It was purchased by Manlief Steelman, and is now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Mason.

Alfred Sapp, George Hoff, Cornelius Smith, Washington VanGilder, William Simpson and Leslie Corson each built the house in which they reside

The house belonging to Winton Smith and occupied by Lewis Coraboon was built by Washington VanGilder, Sr., and after his death passed through the ownership of Leaming VanGilder to the present owner.

Harry Bates' house stands on the site of two other houses, the first being built by John VanGilder, Sr., the second by John VanGilder, Jr., and the present house by Clinton Palmer. The property was purchased by the Petersburg Development Company, of whom Mr. Bates purchased it.

Richard Voss built the house in which he lives, building the part next to the school house first and later adding to it.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams' house was built by her father, William Boon.

The house owned by the estate of Ebenezer Brown, Sr., and occupied by Harry Butler, was built by Isaac French, at the death of whose widow it was purchased by Mr. Brown.

George Eldridge's house was built by James Homan, and passed through the ownership of Jesse Green and Thomas Hess to the present owner.

The house owned by Mrs. Mary Holmes was built by Jonathan Holmes on land purchased of John Van-Gilder.

Albert C. Butler's house originally stood on property now owned by the heirs of Somers Gandy, from where it was moved to Middletown, and stood near where Dr. W. L. Yerkes' house now stands. It was sold to Henry Harper, who in turn sold it to William S. Eldridge, of whom Mr. Butler purchased it, and removed it to its present location, on property purchased of Warren Van-Gilder.

James Sharp's residence was built by Hezekiah Corson, who sold it to Mr. Sharp.

Rinaldo Groom's house was built by John Mickel, who sold the property to Emley Corson and in 1846 moved to Illinois. Mr. Corson for a time conducted a grocery store on the property.

The house in which Miss Sallie Corson lives was built by her father, Griffing Corson.

The house belonging to David Cresswell was built by Reuben Corson and sold to Joseph Young, at whose death it became the property of his daughter, who married Mr. Cresswell.

The central part of William R. VanGilder's residence was built by Thomas VanGilder. This was afterward raised and the rear built to by Thaddeus VanGilder, and later the present owner built to the front.

Somers Sack's house was built by Ezekiel VanGilder, Sr. The original house on the place stood back near the pear trees.

Edgar Voss' house was built by his father, Edward Voss.

The house occupied by Noah Collins was built by David VanGilder.

The house owned by William S. Eldridge was built by Richard Jarman, who sold it to Robert R. Corson, of whom the present owner purchased it.

Orlando Ward's house was built by his father, George Ward.

The original house on Mrs. Creamer's property was built by Hezekiah Corson, and was purchased by her husband, Charles Creamer, who tore it away, and using some of the timber of the old house, built the present residence.

B. F. Willits, in 1865, built the house adjoining Hollis P. Mickel, and sold it to Thomas VanGilder, who built an addition to the north end, to be used as a parsonage. In 1878 or 1879 Hollis P. Mickel purchased the house and lived therein for a time, later removing to his present location.

The residence of Mrs. Hannah VanGilder was built by Jacob Baner, who sold the property in 1810 to John VanGilder. The property descended to his son, Thomas VanGilder, from whom it was purchased by the late Thaddeus VanGilder, who added to and improved the property.

The original house, which is the rear part of the present house on the Vansant place was built by John

VanGilder, Jr. From him it was inherited by Robert Mckel, and passed through the ownership of Cornelius Corson to Levi Corson, who lived there until his death in about 1863, and after him, Edwards Corson resided on the property, which was purchased by Rev. James Vansant in 1882, and he lived there until his death in 1898, when the property passed to his son, J. Alpheus Vansant, who sold it to James Ingersoll in 1908.

The first record we have found of the property owned by Anelio Reginio dates back to 1773, when it was deeded by David VanGilder to Jeremiah VanGilder. In 1809 it was purchased by Joseph Wheaton, who in 1816 sold it to Somers Corson: in 1822 he sold it to Aaron Corson, who in 1831 sold to Warren VanGilder, and he in 1833 to Reuben Corson, who later sold to Marcellus Forbes, a shoemaker by occupation, who came from Maryland. He in 1856 sold the property to James Hess, who repaired it and built an addition to it. He sold to Jerome Taten, who traded the property with Jeremiah Wilson, of Philadelphia. The property was purchased by William Matthews at a tax sale, and not being redeemed, was sold by him to Anelio Reginio, the present owner.

The property known as the Madara place was part of the purchase of Joseph Corson from the West Jersey Society in 1774, which he conveyed to Abraham VanGilder in 1745, who sold it to Samuel Townsend in 1771, of whose heirs it was purchased by Constantine Corson in 1801. He in 1802 sold the property to William Miller, who sold it to James Smith, and he to John F. Westcott, of whom it was purchased by Charles Madara, whose heirs sold it to Charles F. Gaskill.

A house known as the "Aunt Abbie" house which stood adjoining R. C. Smith's residence, formerly be-

longed to Elias Corson and stood on the land between the properties of Frank Gandy and John Lee, from where it was moved. The house was torn down and for years the old well, which was recently filled in, was all that was left to mark the place.

Jeremiah Robinson built the house known as the Chattin house, which after his death Thomas VanGilder moved from what is known as the Robinson lot to its present location.

The house adjoining the Red Men's Hall, occupied by Italians, was built by Thaddeus VanGilder, on the site of a house which was owned by Mrs. Kinsey, who sold the property to Thomas Ross. Thaddeus VanGilder purchased the property of Mr. Ross and sold the house, which was moved to Seaville.

## MARRIAGE RECORDS

Data taken from the Marriage Records of the Archives of New Jersey, Burlington County Marriage Records, Cape May County Marriage Records, Dutch Reformed Church Records, Hackensack, N. J.; Church records of the Atlantic and Seaville Circuits, and family records. In dates between 1800 and 1900 the year is abbreviated

- Badcock, Joseph, and Phoebe Mackey, Feb. 1, 1780.  
Bailey, Charles F., and Louissette Corson, Aug. 10, '72.  
Barnes, George, and Martha VanGilder, Dec. 26, '11.  
Bennet, Edmund J., and Cora S. VanGilder, Apr. 24, '01.  
Biner (Bauer), Isaac, and Lydia Corson, June 20, 1740.  
Blake, George W., and Sylvia Corson, Aug. 29, '52.  
Brower, Hewlett, and Millicent Young, Apr. 26, '37.  
Budd, Eli, and Abigail Y. Williams, Oct. 21, '66.  
" Rufus B., and Gertrude B. Corson, Oct. 8, '89.  
Butler, Albert C., and Ella R. Drexel, June 17, '79.  
Caldwell, Charles, and Martha Hoff, Nov. 3, '86.  
Conway, James, and Susannah Corson, May 14, 1741.  
Corson, Aaron, and Rebecca VanGilder, May 26, '11.  
" Abijah, and Rhoda Stites, Feb. 18, '35.  
" Abner, and Mary Smith, Apr. 5, 1773.  
" Albert, and Phebe Corson, June 28, '27.  
" Alexander, and Sarah Champion, Feb. 2, '58.  
" Allen, and Sarah Hewitt, '16.  
" Amariah, and Mary, dau. Amos Corson. Jr., Jan. 14, '35.  
" Amos, and Hulda Swain, Apr. 6, '15.  
" Amos, and Isabella Corson, Oct. 24, '42.  
" Augustus, and Judith Scull, Mar. 21, '75.

- Corson, Brinton, and Lettice Smith, Apr. 1, '66.  
" Champion, and Mary, dau. Humphrey Corson,  
Nov. 13, '31.  
" Christian, and Hannah Kidney, July 10, 1761.  
" Cornelius, and Delila Champion, July 9, '08.  
" Cornelius, and Edith Godfrey, Aug. 22, '27.  
" Cornelius, son Levi, and Almira Blake, Sept.  
27, '52.  
" Darius, and Martha Mackey, June 4, 1778.  
" David, and Elizabeth Ford, Jan. 26, '34.  
" Edwards, and Charlotte Corson, Dec. 29, '38.  
" Ellis, and Betsey Lee, Dec. 21, '11.  
" Elva, and Mary B. Corson, Aug. 4, '40.  
" Elva, and Martha Corson, Feb. 16, '49.  
" Enoch, and Naamah Corson, Sept. 13, '07.  
" Enos, and Zilpha Brown, Feb. 9, '04.  
" Enos, Jr., and Hannah Gandy, Oct. 27, '09.  
" Ezra, and Hannah Steelman, Mar. 5, '15.  
" Furman, son of Amos Corson, and Roxanna, dau.  
Enoch Corson, Mar. 4, '38.  
" Henry, and Elizabeth J. Corson, Apr. 20, '34.  
" Hezekiah H., and Sarah B. Corson, June 1, '41.  
" Hope, and Lydia Corson, '19.  
" Isaiah, and Tabitha, dau. Willits Wheaton, Jan.  
6, '27.  
" Isaiah, and Elizabeth Godfrey, Feb. 3, '46.  
" Jacob, and Sarah Johnson, Apr. 2, 1797.  
" James, and Sylvia Dreakeand, Jan. 30, '03.  
" Jeremiah, and Mary Cresse, Sept. 24, 1763.  
" Jesse, and Angelina Godfrey, Dec. 14, '37.  
" John, Jr., and Mary Goff, Dec. 19, 1761.  
" John, and Lydia Shaw, '09.  
" Jonathan, and Hannah, dau. Amos Corson, Mar.  
13, '30.  
" Joseph, and Harriet Corson, Aug. 28, '25.

- Corson, Joseph, and Margaret Lee, Jan. 7, '22.
- “ Joseph, Esq., and Mrs. Experience Willets, '41.
- “ Joseph, and Rachel Corson, Jan. 22, 1759.
- “ Joseph, Jr., and Phoebe Badcock, Sept. 22, 1791.
- “ Joseph Jr., and Sarah Edwards, July 26, '12.
- “ Joseph C., and Martha Borden, Dec. 26, '66.
- “ Joseph Lybrandt, and Emma Smith. June 5, '65.
- “ Joseph, and Sally Townsend. Aug. 22, '30.
- “ Levi, and Margaret Hand, Dec. 23, 1775.
- “ Levi, Jr., and Deborah Corson, Feb. 23, '17.
- “ Lewis, and Rebecca Townsend, June 28, '01.
- “ Lucas, and Mary C. Chattin, Sept. 20, '41.
- “ Nathan, and Violetta Newton, '12.
- “ Parmenas, and Rachel Willets, Oct. 26, 1778.
- “ Parmenas, and Roxanna (Griffing) Benezatt,  
Oct. 18, '04.
- “ Parmenas, and Rachel Corson, '17.
- “ Permenas, and Mary Lee, April 12, 1774.
- “ Permenas, and Priscilla Cresse, Nov. 1, 1775.
- “ Pennington, and Sallie Rodan, June 1, '77.
- “ Peter, and Martha Edwards, Feb. 10, 1757.
- “ Peter, and Mary Badcock, Jan. 15, 1761.
- “ Peter, and Elizabeth Godfrey, July 20, 1763.
- “ Peter, and Sylvia Smith, '16.
- “ Peter, Jr., and Rebecca Chattin, Dec. 29, '31.
- “ Peter, and Lydia Godfrey, May 29, '64.
- “ Philip, and Lydia Cawson, Aug. 20, 1784.
- “ Rem, and Hannah Stillwell, Jan. 17, 1759.
- “ Rem, Jr., and Esther VanGilder, Feb. 3, '17.
- “ Reuben, son Humphrey Corson, and Sara, dau.  
Hugh Young, Jan. 15, '38.
- “ Reuben, Jr., and Ruth Garretson, Feb. 8, '36.
- “ Richard T., and Lydia Mary Corson, Jan. 12, '40.
- “ Seth, and Elizabeth, dau. James Corson, Oct. 28,  
'28.



- “ Seth, and Rachel Corson, Dec. 12, '17.
- “ Somers, and Jane Young, Feb. 26, '16.
- “ Walter H., and Sarah J. Sharp, Mar. 29, '99.
- Crandol, Frederick W., and Lydia Simpson. Dec. 24, '66.
- Creamer, Charles, and Anna M. Hoff, July 17, '67.
- “ Jacob, and Rebecca Camp, Dec. 23, '15.
- Daniels, Clement, and Deborah Young, Nov. 4, 1737,
- Dole, Isaac, and Rachel Corson, Oct. 28, 1761.
- Earl, William, and Rebecca Corson, Aug. 4, '10.
- Eldridge, George W., and Roselma E. Corson, Nov. 24, '92.
- “ William, and Judith Corson, Dec. 10, 1778.
- Fidler, Jacob, and Anna Maria Corson, April 14, '63.
- Ford, Philip, and Esther Young, June 5, '31.
- Gandy, David, and Phebe Godfrey, Oct. 2, '05.
- “ David and Maria Bishop, June 29, '34.
- “ Franklin V., and Hannah Creamer, June 19, 1901.
- “ John, and Emma VanGilder, Mar. 16, '72.
- “ John, and Rachel Corson, '02.
- “ Uriah, and Olive Young, Feb. 8, '35.
- Garretson, Corson, and Judith, dau. Lott Corson, May 8, '30.
- “ Joshua, and Sarah Corson, Apr. 15, 1800.
- Gibbs, William and Martha Stephenson, May 15, '97.
- Godfrey, Enoch and Amelia Townsend, Mar. 24, '10.
- “ Enoch Tr, and Amy (Mickel) VanGilder, Dec. 6, '62.
- “ Gilbert, and Elmina Corson, June 8, '75.
- “ James and Jemima VanGilder, Jan. 24, '09.
- “ James and Phoebe Townsend, Feb. 26, 1765.
- “ James and Mary Norton, Oct. 24, '03.
- “ James and Edith Gandy, July 10, '31.
- “ Jesse, and Deborah Corson, Aug. 21, '31.
- “ Jesse, and Sarah Ann Corson, July 10, '31.
- “ Matthew and Martha Corson, Feb. 2, 1796.
- “ Matthew, Jr., and Adelide Miller, Jan. 18, '18.

- Godfrey, Thomas and Mary Scull, June 26, 1800.  
 " Thomas, Jr., and Mary Young, Sept. 18, '14.  
 " Somers, and Lydia, dau. Humphrey Corson, Oct.  
   31, '30.  
 Grace, Henry, and Sarah Ann Mickel, Dec. 31, '53.  
 Hand, Cornelius, and Deborah Young (about) 1706.  
 " Elipath, and Naomi Young, June 14, 1763.  
 " Jeremiah, and Deborah (Young) Hand, Mar. 27,  
   1734.  
 Hartman, Benjamin D., and Ida Corson, Dec. 8. '74.  
 Hathorn, Hugh, and Millicent Young, Oct. 13, 1799.  
 Hess, William, and Hannah Corson, Nov. 2, '26.  
 Hewitt, William C. and Hannah Stephenson, Jan. 3, '76.  
 Hildreth, Joseph, and Zabiah Corson, Feb. 16, 1748.  
 Hoff, George W., and Adaline Stephenson, Feb. 21, '84.  
 Homan, James and Rebecca Earl, May 22, '41.  
 " Seth, and Sarah Williams, '57.  
 Husted, Dennis, and Hannah Green. Oct. 21, '72.  
 Jarman, Richard, and Ellen B., daughter of Moses Cor-  
   son, Mar. 24. '55.  
 King, Samuel, and Hannah Corson, Aug. 16, 1796.  
 Kinsey, Lewis P., and Millicent Young, April 12, '42.  
 Lafferty, Nason, and Fleta Godfrey, Sept. 4, 1900.  
 Lake, Ezra B., and Hannah Corson, Jan. 1, '53.  
 Leden, Bene, and Hannah VanGilder, Sept. 28, '03.  
 Lee, John, and Rachel Eldridge, July 12, '88.  
 " Thomas, and Rachel Willits. Sept. 12, 1800.  
 Leonard, John and Ann Corson, Dec. 29, 1732  
 Ludlam, Joseph, and Abigail Young, Aug. 8, 1847.  
 Mackey, Col. John, and Elizabeth, dau. Judge Henry  
   Young, Apr. 25, 1746.  
 Matthews, William H., and Gertrude (Corson) Budd,  
   Apr. 14, 1901.  
 McDonald, Oliver, and Alida Corson, Oct. 27. '77.  
 McGear, William H., and Eliza W. VanGilder, Dec. 25, '75.

- Mickel, James, and Elizabeth Ready, Feb. 12, 1763.  
" James, and Rachel White, Feb. 14, '13.  
Moore, George, and Sophia Creamer, Mar. 5, '43.  
Robinson, William, and Rooda Corson, Aug. 13, 1754.  
" William, and Phoebe Young, June 20, 1738.  
Ross, James, and Betsey Corson, Feb. 13, '22.  
" James, and Rhoda Corson, Mar. 9, '44.  
Sack, George L., and Cora Eldridge, Dec. 14, '98.  
" Somers, and Ann VanGilder, Oct. 2, '84.  
Sharp, Alfred, and Carrie Gandy, Dec. 14, '98.  
" Frank, and Almira Young, May 23, '89.  
" James, and Mary Williams, Jan. 24, '74.  
Simpson, Albert V., and Elizabeth Hess, June 4, '64.  
" Elijah, and Roxanna Beaston, May 15, '27.  
" William, and Sarah Corson, Feb. 5, '55.  
Smith, Frank, and Hannah Budd, June 5, '89.  
" James S., and Eliza Smith, Oct. 23, '95.  
" Robert C., and Bertha VanGilder, Sept. 3, '95.  
" Uriah, and Ann dau. Jesse Corson, Jr., Aug. 6, '29.  
" Winton, and Amy VanGilder, Oct. 6, '97.  
Stephenson, Eli, Esq., and Phoebe Corson, Sept. 13, '11.  
Stites, Capt. John, and Millicent Young, Jan. 29, '11.  
Swain, Joshua, Jr., and Sarah Young, Nov. 28, '31.  
Taylor, John, and Julietta Tomlin, Dec. 19, '78.  
Tomlin, Benajah, and Amy Mickel, Mar. 21, 1797.  
" Hugh, and Amelia Stites, Jan. 17, '29.  
Tomson, Richard, and Naamah Corson, Dec. 19, 1741.  
Townsend, Amos, and Isabella Young, April 10, '36.  
" John, and Tabitha Young, Dec. 1, 1740.  
" Jotham, and Elizabeth Corson, May 21, 1776.  
" Zebulon, and Anthea Corson, Oct. 23, '03.  
VanGilder, Abraham, and Martha Hand, Aug. 22, 1757.  
" Abraham, and Mary Alcuitt, July 24, 1798.  
" Abram, and Rachel Laroe, Aug. 6, 1737.

- VanGilder, David, and Ann Shaw, Dec. 23, 1795.  
 " David, and Mary Cresse, Jan 25, '45.  
 " Ezekiel and Mary Chapman, Jan. 21, '04.  
 " Isaac. and Elizabeth Willets, Jan. 28, 1796.  
 " Jeremiah, and Sarah Bishop, Aug. 1780.  
 " John, and Hannah Scull, July 22, 1757.  
 " Levi, and Livia Corson, Feb. 27, '37.  
 " Levi, and Martha A. Fitch, July 29, '93.  
 " Peter C., and Deborah Godfrey, June 18, '71.  
 " Smith, and Rebecca Peterson, Jan. 2, '25,  
 " Thaddeus, and Hannah Hand, Dec. 17, '57.  
 " Washington, and Amy Mickel, Dec. 19, '35,  
 " Washington and Allie Hess, Oct. 8, '83.  
 Voss, Edgar, and Medora VanGilder, Aug. 16, '74.  
 " Edward, and Caroline VanGilder, Feb. 8, '36.  
 " John, and Amy VanGilder, Aug. 20, '29.  
 " Richard, and H. Elizabeth Camp, May 1, '72.  
 Vansant, Rev. James, and Mary A. Green, June 7, '94.  
 Weatherby, Richard, and Letitia Hathorn, Mar. 30, '34.  
 Westcott, John F., and Sallie Entrikin, Dec. 23, '77.  
 " Thomas R., and Judith S. Corson, Oct. 27, '77.  
 " William H., and Priscilla VanGilder, '93.  
 Whitecar, Michael, and Ellen Williams, Aug. 27, '51.  
 Willits, Capt. Jacob, and Abigail Mackey, Apr. 27, 1777.  
 " James, and Rachel Young, Dec. 9, 1761.  
 Williams, David, and Sarah VanGilder, Mar. 14, '26.  
 " Capt Enoch, and Hannah Ann Smith, July 28, '51.  
 " Enoch, and Linda Sapp, May 1, '97.  
 " Frederick, and Mary E. Seeley, Oct. 20, '72.  
 " James, and Mary VanGilder, July 7, '20.  
 " Manluff, and Mrs. Elizabeth Towzer, Feb. 21, '24.  
 Wise, William, and Roxanna Sack, Jan. 27, '94.  
 Wynn, Benjamin I., and Phoebe Young, May 9, '61.  
 Young, Alexander, and Abigail VanGilder, Feb. 11, '21.  
 " Henry, and Phoebe Norton, Dec. 28, 1757.

- Young, Henry, and Willamina Pedrick, Feb. 21, 1799.  
" Henry, and Jane Townsend, Jan. 22, '39.  
" Job, and Mary Norton, April 26, 1757.  
" Joseph, and Harriet Wales, Jan. 30, '44.  
" Reuben, and Emma, dau. James Corson, Jan. 26,  
  '23.  
" Stephen, and Elizabeth Evans, Sept. 29, 1799.  
" Stephen, and Millicent Badcock, Oct. 25, '02.  
" Stephen, Jr., and Lydia Badcock, Dec. 30, '11.  
" Stephen T., and Margaret Reed, Feb. 23, '69.

## RECORD OF BURIALS IN THE PETERS- BURG CHURCHYARD

In dates between 1800 and 1900 the year is abbreviated.

- Babcock, John Wesley, b May 4, '39; d Oct. 25, '66.  
Boon, Martha, w William, b Dec. 11, 1797; d Jan. 19, '69.  
    " William, d Aug. 19, '79; aged 85 yrs.  
Brown, Ebenezer M., b Sept. 5, '39; d Feb. 23, 1913.  
    " Emma, dau. James W. and Martha, '84-'85.  
    " James W., son Ebenezer M. and Martha V., '62-1909.  
    " Martha V., w Ebenezer M., b Nov. 5, '40; d Oct. 4, '87.  
Bntler, Catherine, w Isaac.  
    " Clarence, son Albert C. and Ella R., d Feb. 26, 1906; aged 19 yrs.  
    " Frederick, son Albert C. and Ella R., d May 24, 1906; aged 25 yrs.  
    " Isaac, d Dec. 3, '73; aged 73 yrs.  
    " Jesse G., son Isaac and Catherine, b Feb. 12, '42; d Mar. 11, '43.  
    " Matilda, dau. Isaac and Catherine, b Oct. 25, '33.  
    " Smiley, son Isaac and Catherine, b Feb. 12, '38; d July 22, '38.  
Buzby, Elmer, b July 1, '33; d Nov. 16, '72.  
    " Sarah, w Elmer, b June 6, '31; d Apr. 24, '96.  
    " Theophilus, son John and Roxanna, d July 14, '49; aged 18 yrs, 8 mos and 12 days.

Buzby, John.

" Roxanna, w John.

Camp, Joseph, d Apr. 6, '95; aged 78 yrs.

" Mary, w Joseph, d June 11, '83; aged 54 yrs.

Caldwell, Howard, s Leonard and Rose, d May 1, 1909;  
aged 5 yrs.

Chattin, Hannah C., dau. William and Mary.

" William, d Mar. '86; aged 60 yrs.

Chew, Florence, w Frank, d May 2, 1909, aged 28 yrs.

Corson, Abigail, w Elias, d Dec. 26, '72; aged 92 yrs.

" Allen, d Oct. 14, '61; aged 71 yrs.

" Allen H., son Allen and Sarah, b Mar. 18, '19; d  
Nov. 5, '89.

" Allen S., son Allen H. and Maria, d Oct. 23, '59;  
aged 1 yr., 7 mos. and 16 days.

" Ambros, d Apr. 16, '56; aged 41 yrs. and 11 days.

" Ambros, son J. E. and C. L., d Mar 16, '56; aged  
45 days.

" Amelia, w Peter S., b Oct. 20, '45; d May 17, '74.

" Amos, d Aug. 20, '48; aged 69 yrs. and 16 days.

" Amos, son Amos and Huldah, d Feb. 11, '47;  
aged 4 mos. and 1 day.

" Amos S., b, May 26, '17; d Oct. 28, '83.

" Ann Eliza, w Griffing, b Mar. 3, '32; d Aug 5,  
1911.

" Arabel Griffing, dau. Reuben G. and Sarah B., d  
Feb. 1, '48; aged 6 yrs, 3 mos. and 3 days.

" Baby, b Mar. 8, '78; d same date.

" Belmont P., son Harrison J. and Roselma, d Dec.  
12, 1906; aged 19 yrs. and 26 days.

" Champion, b Feb. 15, '10; d Apr. 20, '76.

" Charles L., son Walter H. and Sara J., d June 9,  
1900; aged 9 mos.

" Cornelius, d Dec. 7, '15; aged 58 yrs. and 20 days.

- Corson, Cornelius, son Cornelius and Sarah, b 1788; d '59.
- “ Cornelius S., son Peter and Sylvia, d Nov. 2, '24; aged 6 yrs., 11 mos. and 25 days.
- “ Cornelia Foreman, w Joseph, b July 8, '27; d Jan. 31, 1908.
- “ Delila, w Cornelius, d Mar. 6, '27; aged 33 yrs, 11 mos. and 2 days.
- “ Edith, w Cornelius, d June 6, '45; aged 59 yrs, 3 mos. and 11 days.
- “ Elias, d Oct. 5, '52; aged 69 yrs, 9 mos. and 12 days.
- “ Ellis, d Dec. 21, '61; aged 71 yrs, 8 mos. and 21 days.
- “ Elizabeth, w Ellis, d Dec. 6, '72; aged 78 yrs.
- “ Elma, dau. J. C. and M. H., d Nov. 15, '82; aged 1 yr., 7 mos. and 25 days.
- “ Elmer J., son Harrison J. and Roselma, d Aug 11, '90; aged 11 days.
- “ Emley, d Sept. 10, '78.
- “ Emma P., dau. Harrison J. and Roselma, d Sept. 18, '91; aged 1 day.
- “ Ezra, b May 8, 1792; d Sept. 9, '74.
- “ Ezra S., son Ezra and Hannah, d Sept. 25, '50; aged 21 yrs., 4 mos. and 21 days.
- “ Enos, d Aug. 19, '52; aged 65 yrs., 6 mos. and 5 days.
- “ Evans, d Jan. 27, '39; aged 2 yrs., 11 mos. and 4 days.
- “ Experiance, d June 8, 1815; aged 13 yrs., 8 mos. and 18 days.
- “ Francis H., son Harrison J. and Roselma, d Oct. 7, 1900; aged 14 yrs., 5 mos. and 5 days.
- “ Griffing, b Mar. 1, '28; d Jan. 15, '92.



- Corson, Hannah, w Eños, d Nov. 2. '48; aged 65 yrs., 2 mos. and 6 days.
- " Hannah, w Ezra, b Aug. 11, 1793; d Oct. 25, '77.
- " Harrison J., d Sept. 15, '99; in his 47th year.
- " Harrison J., son H. J. and Rosehna, d Mar. 5, '94.
- " Hezekiah, b Sept. 9, '35; d Sept. 26, 1907.
- " Hezekiah W., d Mar. 1, '69.
- " Huldah, w Amos, d Dec. 3. '67; aged 88 yrs., 8 mos. and 25 days.
- " Huldah, dau. Amos and Huldah, d Feb. 26, '43; aged 3 mos. and 26 days.
- " Humphrey, Jr., son Reuben G. and Sarah B., d Sept. 29, '49; aged 2 yrs., 1 mo. and 1 day.
- " James W., d Dec. 14, 1903; aged 22 yrs, 7 mos. and 16 days.
- " John C., d Jan. 25, '89; aged 44 yrs. and 3 mos.
- " Joseph, b June 4, '06; d Dec. 27, '87.
- " Lettice, w Brinton, b Feb. 1, '43; d Mar. 13, '79.
- " Loammi, son Ellis and Elizabeth, d Apr. 28, '42, aged 29 yrs. and 9 days.
- " Lydia, w Peter, b Oct. 8, '11; d July 29, '70.
- " Lydia Mary, w Richard T., b Dec. 6, '21; d Aug. 25, 1906.
- " Maria, w Allen, b Sept. 9, '20; d Mar. 18, '58.
- " Mary, w Champion, b Mar. 10, '10; d Apr. 28, '90.
- " Mary, w Emley,
- " Mary, w Hezekiah, d Sept. 26, '76. aged 40 yrs, 10 mos and 17 days.
- " Mary B., d May 5, '91; in her 91st year.
- " Parsons, s Amos and Huldah, d Aug. 11, '46; aged 13 mos. and 17 days.
- " Pennington, son, Allen and Sarah, d Aug. 14, '48; aged 13 yrs., 9 mos. and 27 days.
- " Peter, d June 19, '73; aged 78 yrs., 5 mos. and 13 days.

Corson, Peter S., b Nov. 15, '47; d Nov. 15, 1907.

" Rachel, b July 30, '30; d June 30, '95.

" Reuben G., b Jan. 7, '15; d May 6, '75.

" Richard T., d May 7, '92; aged 76 yrs.

" Richard T., son J. C. and M. H., d May 7, '79;  
aged 2 yrs., 9 mos. and 25 days.

" Robert M. C., son Emley and Mary, d Jan. 5, '43;  
aged 2 mos..

" Robert M. C., son Emley and Mary, d Dec. 25,  
'48; agee 4 yrs., 5 mos. and 14 days.

" Roselma, w Harrison J., d Jan. 16, '99; in her  
45th yr.

" Sarah, w Cornelius, d Dec. 29, '43; aged 84 yrs.,  
10 mos. and 20 days.

" Sarah, w Allen, d Aug. '54; aged 58 yrs., 3 mos.  
and 11 days.

" Sarah, w Joseph, d Sept. 25, '77; aged 86 yrs.

" Sarah, w Joseph, b Jan. 6, '06; d Oct. 17, '85.

" Sarah, w Reuben G., b Mar. 14, '19; d June 15,  
1911.

" Sarah, d Reuben G. and Sarah B., d Aug. 27, '66;  
in her 16th year.

" Sylvia, w Peter, d Jan. 27, '63; aged 71 yrs., 11  
mos. and 11 days.

" Thomas P. Cooper, son J. E. and C. L., d Feb,  
15, '60; aged 9 mos.

" Tolitha, d Elias and Abigail, d Feb. 8, '45; aged  
12 yrs., 11 mos. and 4 days.

" Townsend, d Aug. 8, '57; aged 22 yrs., 2 mos.  
and 10 days.

" Walter, son J. E. and C. L., d May 3, '56; aged  
14 mos.

" Walter H., son H. J. and Roselma, b Oct. 21,  
'77; d Dec. 25, 1909.

Cossaboon, Estella May, dau. Lewis and Isadore, b May 31, 1911; d June 7, 1911.

Crandoll, Frederick, d Jan. 18, '99; aged 55 yrs.

Creamer, Bertha, d Charles and Anna M., b May 21, '71; d July 14, '72.

" Charles O., b '30; d 95.

" Frederick, d June 26, 1906; aged 60 yrs.

" Georgianna, w Frederick, d Mar. 31, 1905; aged 45 yrs.

Dinofa, infant of Louis; aged 2 yrs.

Dole, Warren, son William and Sallie, b Apr. 1, '81; d July 16, '81.

Drexel, Frederick, b Apr. 14, '26; d Mar. 29, '92.

" Mary A., w Frederick, b June 30, '30; d Oct. 14, '90.

Earl, Rebecca, w William, d Mar. 31, '53; aged 62 yrs., 2 mos. and 3 days.

Edwards, Rebecca.

Eisenhart, John, b Oct. 24, '28; d July 28, '83.

" Letitia, w John, b Mar. 20, '19; d May 12, '98.

Eldridge, Edwin B., son Joseph and Pamela, d May 23, '98; in his 25th year.

" George W., son George W. and Roselma, d Oct. 14, '94; aged 1 day.

" Mary, dau. William S. and Margaret.

" Pamela, w Joseph, d Dec. 22, '97; in her 61st year.

" Roselma, w George W., d Apr. 24, '07; aged 32 years.

Entrikin, Emeline, w Francis, d Aug. 20, 74; in her 49th year.

" Francis M., d May 23, '88; in his 67th year.

French, Isaac, d May 29, '52; aged 40 yrs., 3 mos. and 16 days.

French, Rebecca Ann, w Isaac, d Aug, 23, '70; aged 43 yrs., 6 mos and 23 days.

Gandy, David, b Jan 1, '12; d Sept. 15, 1903.

" David, son David and Maria, b July 9, '42; d Oct. 8, '45.

" John Wesley, son David and Maria, b June 22, '35; d June 14, 1846.

" Maria, w David, d Dec. 12, 1902; aged 91 yrs.

Gannone, Louis, son Tony and Priscilla.

Garron, Clara, dau. Thomas and Martha.

" John, son Thomas and Martha.

" Thomas, son Thomas and Martha.

Gibbs, Anna May, dau. William and Martha, b 1902; d 1909.

Garretson, Sarah, w Joshua, d July 18, '47; aged 67 years.

Godfrey, Amy, w Enoch T., d Aug. 14, '74; aged 59 yrs, 5 mos. and 12 days.

" Annabel, dau. Somers C. and Lydia, d Mar. 15, '45; aged 4 yrs and 10 days.

" Charles S., d July 25, '53, in his 43d year.

" Deborah, w Jesse, d Sept. 5, '18; aged 38 yrs. 1 mo. and 6 days.

" Eliza, w Charles S., b Sept. 10, '17; d Nov. 27, '87.

" Elmina, w Gilbert, b Jan. 12, '20; d Sept. 24, '86.

" Enoch T., d Apr. 17, '72; aged 94 yrs, and 2 mos.

" Gilbert, b May 23, '35.

" Jesse, b '01; d '80.

" Jesse C., d Sept. 29, '41; aged 22 yrs, 3 mos. and 29 days.

" Letitia, w Peter, d Apr. 15, 1907; in her 75th year.

" Peter, d Sept. 26, '99; in his 69th year.

- " Phebe, w Jesse C., b July 20, '20; d Jan. 10, '57.
- " Somers C., son Somers C. and Lydia, d July 6, '48; aged 2 yrs., 4 mos and 20 days.
- Green, Jesse, d Aug. 9, '83; aged 80 yrs.
- " William, son Jesse and Mary A., d Jan 17, '70; aged 21 yrs., 2 mos. and 25 days.
- " Groom, Lenward, b Nov. 26, '96; d Apr. 22, 1902.
- Hand, Mary, d 1900.
- Hathorn, James, b July 1, 1793; d Jan 19, '29.
- Harrison, Anna S., d Oct. 3, '83; in her 82 year.
- Hemsley, John A., son William and Mary J., d Aug. 31, '56; aged 1 month.
- " Ruleph, son William and Mary J., d Sept. 15, '70; aged 1 mo. and 3 days.
- " Mary J., w William, d Apr. 30, 1913, aged 86 yrs.
- " William, d Nov. 5, '78; aged 54 yrs.
- Hess, Amanda, b Nov. 13, '36; d Sept. 21, '38,
- " Elizabeth, w James, d Apr. 25, 1900.
- " Charles C., son William and Hannah, b Nov. 29, '42; d Sept. 27, 1904,
- " Hannah, w William, b Feb, 11, '07; d May 13, '85.
- " James, d Aug. 23, '76, aged 43 yrs.
- " Mary, w Charles C., b Jan 4, '45; d Dec. 19, '95.
- " William, b Feb 5, 1805; d May 25, '77.
- Hewitt, Edwin, b June 9, '61, d Mar. 9, 1904.
- " James V., son Edwin and Lizzie, b Aug. 6, '84; d Aug. 9, '84.
- Hoff, Almira, w Angus, d Aug, 14, '95; aged 52 yrs.
- " Angus D., d June 12, 1911; aged 69 yrs.
- " Delena, dau. Angus and Almira.
- " Hannah, dau, George and Ada, b Feb, 2, '86; d June 23. '03.

Hoff, Josephine, dau. Angus and Almira.

“ Mary, w Peter B., b '21; d '86.

“ Mary S., dau. Angus and Almira.

“ Peter B., b '18; d '86.

“ Peter B., son Angus and Almira.

“ Rose, dau. George W. and Ada.

“ William, son Peter and Mary, b '45; d '70.

Homan, Ann, w Andrew, b July 17, 1790; d Feb. 5, '63.

“ James, d Jan. 10, '82; in his 78th year.

“ Rachel, w Watson d about '48.

“ Rebecca, w James, d Nov. 1, 1901, in her 84th year.

“ Sarah, w Seth, d Jan 4, 1913, aged 87 years.

“ Seth, d Apr. 1, 93, aged 61 yrs.

“ Watson, d about '55.

Ingersoll, James, b Oct. 19, '58; d Jan. 25, 1909.

Jarmin, Eleanor B., w Richard, d May 7, '94; aged 60 yrs.

“ Richard, d Jan. 24, '90; aged 58 yrs.

“ Sylvia, dau. Richard and Eleanor.

Little, Lina, dau. James and Mary, b Jan. 24, '83; d Sept. 12, '91.

“ Mary P., w James, b Jan. 15, '44; d Oct. 9, 1904.

Lippincott, Jennie, dau. Levi and Rebecca, d Aug. 27, 1883; aged 12 yrs and 1 mo.

“ Rebecca, w Levi, d Aug. 12, '83, aged 33 yrs. and 7 mos.

Margison, Rinaldo G., son William and Alice, b Feb. 24, '11; d Apr. 20, '11.

Mickel, Ida, w Hollis P., b Jan 27, '58; d Aug. 24, '89.

“ Joseph J., b Dec. 25, '18; d Jan. 2, '87.

“ Joseph, son of Joseph J. and Roxanna.

“ Roxanna, w Jos. J., b Oct. 23, '17; d Oct. 7, 1902.

Morris, Judith, dau. Jos. and Julia; b Aug. 12, '49; d '78.

- Oram, Aaron, son Hugh and Letitia, b Aug. 30, '45;  
d Nov. 11, '51.
- Parsons, Infant son Lewis and Geneva,
- Robb, Tolitha C., b Nov. 14, '31; d May 1, 1902.
- Robbins, Anna E., d Feb. 1, 1908; aged 73 yrs.
- Rodan, Evaline, w Jonas, d Dec. 13, '73; aged 44 yrs.,  
10 mos. and 27 days.
- " Harry; son D. and R., b July 19, '71; d May 13, '80.
- " Jonas, d Jan. 29, '96; aged 69 yrs., 7 mos. and 26  
days
- " Phoebe T., d Jonas, d July 10, '73; aged 22 yrs.  
11 mos.
- Ross, Thomas, d Feb. 9, 1901; aged 69 yrs.
- " Two infant daus. William and Jennie.
- Sack, Alice A., dau. L. and C. L., b 1901; d 1902.
- " Annabel, w Josiah, d Oct. 24, 1911; aged 61 yrs.
- " David, b June 30, '18; d Jan. 4, '90.
- " Elnora, d Hiram and Mary, d about '97; aged 1  
yr. and 6 mos.
- " George L., d Oct. 24, '77; aged 25 yrs., 4 mos.  
and 6 days,
- " Hannah, w David, b Jan. 10, '20; d Sept. 15, '92.
- " Jacob, d Nov. 14, '82; aged 66 yrs.
- " Josiah, d Sept. 13, 1912; aged 64 yrs.
- " Julia, w Jacob, d July 16, '80; aged 57 yrs.
- Schenck, Elizabeth, d April, 1909.
- Schurch, Samuel, d Aug. 24, 1911; aged 64 yrs.
- Sharp, Chester, son Alfred A. and Carrie, b 1907; d  
1907.
- " Enoch, b Aug. 8, '26; d Jan. 19, '82.
- " Paul, Infant son Paul and Mattie, b Oct. 1906; d  
Mar. 1907.
- " Sara J., w Enoch, b '28; d 1911.
- Shaw, Thomas, infant son Thomas.

Simpson, Albert V., b Sept. 28, '37; d Dec. 24, 1909.

" Elijah, b May 29, '67; aged 65 yrs., 7 mos. and 14 days.

" Elizabeth B., w Albert V., b June 22, '46; d Sept 7, '92.

" Roxanna, w Elijah, d Aug. 23, '41; aged 37 yrs., 4 mos. and 15 days.

" Sarah, w William, b Nov. 8, '25; d Dec. 14, 1906.

Smith, Adelaide, w Lewis, in her 69th year.

" Anna Y., dau Lewis and Adelaide, d Jan 4, '60; aged 3 yrs. and 7 mos.

" Cornelia, w Cornelius, b '39; d Nov. 12, '93.

" Elmer, d June 1, '84; aged 72 yrs.

" Eloise, w James S., Dec. 25, '90; aged 25 yrs.

" Harriet, w Elmer, d June 3, '87; aged 71 yrs.

" Infant son James S. and Eloise, d Dec. 1, '90.

" Lewis, son Lewis and Adelaide, d Aug. 23, '67; aged 4 mos.

" Lewis, d Sept. 16, '76; in his 50th year.

" Lewis T., son Lewis and Adelaide, d July 27, '69; aged 11 mos. and 18 days.

" Martha P., dau. Elmer and Harriet, b '37; d 1905.

" Walter, son R. V. and L. T., b Aug 16, '85; d Sept. 13, 1906.

Springer, Child of Richard and Florence.

Steelman, Edna, dau. Benjamin R. and Hannah T., d Apr. 24, '84; aged 1 yr., 5 mos. and 18 days.

" Ellis, son Jonas, d '75; aged 17 yrs.

" Franklin, son Janas, d '75; aged 17 yrs.

" Howard Somers, son Benjamin R. and Hannah, d Jan. 23, '92; aged 4 yrs., 4 mos. and 15 days.

" Jonas, d '72; aged 58 yrs.

" Lerov Manlief, son Benjamin R. and Hannah, d Nov. 29, '91; aged 6 yrs., 9 mos. and 25 days.



Steelman, Maggie, dau. Jonas and Melinda, d '75; aged 13 years.

" Manlief, b Oct. 5, '17; d Feb. 22, '99.

" Rhoda, dau. Jonas and Melinda, d '81; aged 15 yrs.

" Warren, son Jonas and Melinda, d '75; aged 6 yrs.

Stephenson, Aaron, b May 10, '08; d June 21, '72.

" Eli, b May 19, 1773; d Jan. 25, '56.

" Harriet, w Leaming, d May 17, '71; aged 28 yrs., 11 mos. and 18 days

" Leaming, son Leaming and Harriet, d Oct. 10, '73; aged 8 mos. and 10 days.

" Martha, w Aaron, b Oct. 5, '13; d Feb. 3, 1900.

" Phoebe, w Eli, b Apr. 22, 1786; d about '12.

" Thomas C., son Leaming and Harriet, d July 31, '97, aged 35 yrs.

Stokely, Ellen, w John, d Jan. 21, 1901; aged 81 yrs.

" John, d Apr. 23, '89; aged 75 yrs.

Taylor, Infant of John and Julia Etta.

Tomlin, Robert M., d Aug 3, '96.

Townsend, Martha, d Nov. 8, '80; aged 73 yrs., 8 mos. and 24 days.

" Rachel, b June 18; '31; d May 3, 1908.

" Richard, d Feb 14, '72; aged 64 yrs. and 21 days.

VanGilder, Amelia, dau. David and Mary, d Jan. 7, '58; aged 1 yr., 11 mos. and 12 days.

" Cornelia, w Leroy, d Aug. 7, 1909; aged 27 yrs.

" Corrina, dau. Franklin and Mary, d Sept. 1, '68; aged 4 mos.

" David, b Sept. 15, '21; d Mar. 22, '64.

Elizabeth, w Frederick, d Aug. 20, 1902; aged 73 yrs. and 2 mos.

" Ezekiel, b July 2, 1780; aged 70 yrs., 4 mos. and 9 d.

- VanGilder, Florence, dau. Ezekiel and Rachel E., d  
March 3, '76; aged 7 mos. and 8 days.
- " Franklin, son Warren and Rhoda A., d Mar. 4,  
'39; aged 1 yr., 5 mos. and 27 days.
- " Franklin, d Mar. 1, '98; in his 58th year.
- " Frederick, d Jan. 13, '83; aged 66 yrs. and 4 mos.
- " Infant dan. Isaac and Mary.
- " Infant son Isaac and Mary.
- " Infant of Thomas and Mary, d June 2, '38.
- " Isaac, d Aug. 19, '84; aged 66 yrs.
- " John, b Aug. 23, '09; d Jan. 9, '92.
- " Leaming, d Apr. 27, 1903, aged 66 yrs.
- " Levi, d Mar. 13, '69; aged 57 yrs, 8 mos and 23  
days.
- " Livia, dan Franklin and Mary, b Nov. 28, '71; d  
Feb. 16, '85.
- " Livia, w Levi, d Aug. 25, '81; aged 64 yrs., 6  
mos. and 20 days.
- " Mary, w Ezekiel, b Oct. 16, 1782, aged 67 yrs.,  
11 mos. and 3 days.
- " Mary, w David, d Nov. 26, 1902; aged 76 yrs.
- " Mary R., w Isaac, d July 16, '95; aged 66 yrs.
- " Phebe Amy, b Sept. 12, '18; d Mar. 28, '41.
- " Rogers, son Washington and Allie, d Apr. 30,  
'97; aged 1 yr., 9 mos. and 18 days.
- " Serena, w Leaming, d Feb. 12, 1907; aged 71 yrs.
- " Sophie, dau. William R. and Eva, b June 21, '86;  
d Oct. 20, '91.
- " Thaddeus, b Apr. 6, '31; d Jan. 3, '81.
- " Thomas, d Sept. 14, '78; aged 76 yrs.
- " Victorinne, dan David and Mary, d June 18, '54;  
aged 2 yrs., 5 mos. and 18 days.
- " Washington, d Sept. 13, '42; aged 41 years and  
11 days.

Vannaman, Infant of Etta.

Vansant, Rev. James, b Nov. 9, '16; d Mar. 18, '98.

" Rachel, w Rev. James, d Nov. 12, '92, in her 66th year.

" Mary Ann, w Rev. James, d May 1, 1904; aged 75 yrs.

Voss, Caroline, w Edward, d Dec. 14, '65; aged 51 yrs. and 10 mos.

" Edward, d Mar. 16, '90; aged 85 yrs.

" Elizabeth, w Richard, b Nov 27, '49; d Nov. 29, 1902.

Ward, Ann, w George, d '96; aged 81 yrs.

" George, d '86; aged 75 yrs.

" John, d May 11, 1908; aged 48 yrs.

" William, son John, aged 1 yr.

Weatherby, Letitia, w Richard, b Dec. 13, 1795; d July 28, 1864.

" Richard, d Dec. 9, '73; aged 64 yrs., 8 mos. and 21 days.

Williams, David, d June 17, '85; aged 86 yrs.

" Feederick, son David and Sarah, b Dec. 11, '37; d Sept. 11, '38.

" James, b Feb. 28, 1793; d July 27, '73.

" James, b May 13, '24; d Oct. 29, 74.

" Mary, w James, d Jan. 31, '51; aged 60 yrs., 2 mos. and 18 days.

" Sara, w David, d Feb. 24, '75; aged 68 yrs., 10 24 and days.

Young, Alexander, son W. V. and M. G., d June 16, '82; aged 12 days.

" Allison, d Oct. 15, '83; aged 72 yrs., 6 mos. and 15 days.

" A. Townsend, d Feb. 26, 1902.

" Arrabella, w Willis, d Nov. 27, 1907; aged 74 yrs.

- Young, Arrabella, dau. W. V. and M. G., d Aug. 29, '88; aged 3 yrs.
- " Bentley W., d Nov. 2, 1907.
- " Hattie A., dau. Stephen T. and Margaret, b Apr. 6, '76; d June 10, '76.
- " Infant son W. V. and M. G., d Mar. 18, '80; aged 1 day.
- " Margaret, w Stephen T., d Sept. 24, 1903; aged 53 yrs.
- " Mary, dau. A. Townsend and Anna, b Feb. 23, '65; d Aug. 20, '69.
- " Priscilla, w Allison, d Apr. 25, '67; aged 54 yrs. and 25 days.
- " Sarah, w Elmer, d July 2, '51, aged 42 yrs.
- " Stephen T., d Aug. 25, 1912; aged 72 yrs.
- " Walter, son A. Townsend and Anna, b Aug 1, '61; d Aug. 30, '61.
- " Willis, d Jan. 13, '82; in his 55th year.

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